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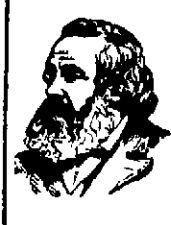
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AN OLD FAVORITE

OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

By Martin Farquhar Tupper



MARTIN FARQUHAR TUPPER (born in London in 1810, died there in 1893) is chiefly known as the author of "Proverbial Philosophy," first published in 1836, from which the following selection is taken. This work, which is a compilation of religious and philosophical thoughts, met with ridicule at the hands of the critics, but gained immense favor with the public. It circulated to the extent of 100,000 copies in Great Britain and nearly 500,000 in America. Mr. Tupper wrote many other works, among them a drama in honor of the centenary of American independence.

SHAME upon thee, savage monarch-man, proud monopolist of reason! Shame upon creation's lord, the fierce ensanguined despot: What, man! are there not enough, hunger and diseases and fatigue...

And yet must thy god or thy thong add another sorrow to existence? What! art thou not content thy sin path dragged down suffering and death

On the poor dumb servants of thy comfort, and yet must thou rack them with thy spite?

The prodigal heir of creation hath gambled away his all.— Shall he add torment to the bondage that is galling his forfeit serfs? The leader in nature's pean himself hath marred her psalter.— Shall he multiply the din of discord by overstraining all the strings? The rebel hath fortified his stronghold, shutting in his vassals with him.— Shall he aggravate the woes of the besieged by oppression from within? Thou twice-deformed image of thy Maker, thou hateful representative of Love,

For very shame be merciful, be kind unto the creatures thou hast ruined! Earth and her million tribes are cursed for thy sake, Earth and her million tribes still writhe beneath thy cruelty; Liveth there but one among the millions that shall not bear witness against thee,

A pensioner of land or air or sea that hath not whereof it will accuse thee?

From the elephant tolling at a launch, to the shrew-mouse in the harvest-field,

From the whale which the harpooner hath stricken, to the minnow caught upon a pin,

From the albatross wearied in its flight, to the wren in her covered nest, From the death-moth and lace-winged dragon-fly, to the lady-bird and the gnat,

The verdict of all things is unanimous, finding their master cruel: The dog, thy humble friend, thy trusting, honest friend;

The ass, thine uncomplaining slave, drudging from morn to even; The lamb, and the timorous hare, and the laboring ox at plow;

The speckled trout basking in the shallow, and the partridge gleaming in the stubble,

And the stag at bay, and the worm in thy path, and the wild bird pining in captivity,

And all things that minister alike to thy life and thy comfort and thy pride,

Testify with one and voice that man is a cruel master.

WABASH SHUT OUT

REFUSED ENTRANCE TO PITTSBURG BY PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT DECISION.

ALL WORK IS STOPPED

Thousands of Men Thrown Out of Work and Millions in Contracts are Cancelled.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—The supreme court today reversed the decision of the Pittsburgh courts which held that a railroad company had a legal right to extend its lines between any points in the state. The decision today affects the railroad situation in Pittsburgh arising from the attempt of the Gould system to enter that city and thereby secure a line to the seaboard. The supreme court reversed the lower court on constitutional grounds, and granted an injunction prohibiting the extension of the Pittsburgh, Carnegie & Western railroad. It is understood the extension was intended to permit the entry into Pittsburgh of the Wabash company.

Pittsburg, Jan. 5.—As a result of the decision against the Pittsburgh, Carnegie and Western road today, an order was issued by the company to stop all Wabash work here immediately.

This means that several thousand men will be out of employment tomorrow morning and over \$3,000,000 worth of contracts will be cancelled, including a \$1,000,000 bridge for which the piers already have been built.

STICKY CASE.

Wisconsin Law Saves United States Glue Company.

Washington, Jan. 5.—In the case of the Diamond Glue company vs. the United States Glue company, the United States supreme court today affirmed the action of the circuit court of the Eastern district of Wisconsin. The case involved a contract between the Diamond Company, an Illinois corporation which was to have the right to supervise a factory to be built by the United States company in Wisconsin. The contract was made June 25, 1898, but before it went into effect the law was enacted by the Wisconsin legislature requiring foreign corporations to file a copy of their charters with the Wisconsin secretary of state as a condition of doing business there. This failure was made the basis of the defense against the proceeding for a breach of contract, and it was sustained by today's opinion.

DETROIT IN COAL BUSINESS.

Municipality Will Supply People at Cost.

Detroit, Jan. 5.—The city of Detroit is going into the coal business and will supply the people with coal at cost prices. Some time ago the common council appropriated \$50,000 for the purchase of coal to be sold by the municipality and Mayor Maybury approved of the resolution today. An advertisement will be printed this afternoon calling for bids on anthracite and bituminous coal in lots of 10,000 tons.

AIMED AT ADVERTISERS.

Bill Providing Heavy Penalty for Unauthorized Use of Pictures.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, today introduced a bill making it illegal for any person engaged in trade to use for advertising purposes the name or picture of any living person without having first obtained their consent in writing. The maximum penalty is a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

CAN'T TAX FRANCHISE

Important Decision by The New York Supreme Court.

Albany, N. Y. Jan. 5.—It is said tonight the supreme court will tomorrow hand down a decision declaring the franchise tax law unconstitutional. The decision is one of the most important, both to the state and corporations, ever given in this state. So far \$12,000,000 in taxes are involved, the state by the decision practically losing that amount, while at least \$4,000,000 a year in future revenues is also involved.

Want Tariff Revision.

Boston, Jan. 5.—Resolutions advocating general tariff revision were passed by the chamber of commerce today. The report of the special committee appointed to consider the propriety of action in advocacy of the creation of a permanent tariff commission which approved the step was also was adopted.

Post Check Bill.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The house committee on postoffices and post roads gave a hearing today on the bill introduced by Representative Gardner of Michigan, providing for a post check system. The bill was then referred to a sub-committee.

ARE MARCHING ON CARACAS

Revolutionists Defeated By Government Troops at Guatire—Castro's Activity is Surprising.

FINANCIAL PANIC PREVENTED.

Caracas, Jan. 5.—Fourteen hundred revolutionists attacked eight hundred government troops Sunday morning near Guatire. After four hours of fighting the revolutionists abandoned the field. They had 57 men killed and many wounded. The activity and energy of President Castro continue to surprise the foreign residents. It is reported here the leaders of the Matos movement are treating with the government. About 1,500 revolutionists are reported to be marching on Caracas.

Defeat by Rebels Denied.

Caracas, Jan. 5.—There is no truth in the report published in the United States that the government force was defeated Saturday by the revolutionists.

Panic Averted.

Caracas, Jan. 5.—A financial panic here was temporarily averted by an agreement between the leading traders and bank of Venezuela. The traders agreed to accept the bank's notes in payment of accounts.

SUPREME COURT DECIDES

That Pennsylvania Town May Charge Western Union License

Washington, Jan. 5.—The United States supreme court today decided the case of the Western Union Telegraph company vs. New Hope, Pa., in favor of the town. The case involved the validity of an ordinance requiring a license fee for telegraph wires and poles in the town.

IN LOVE WITH PRISONER.

Daughter of Alabama Jailer Releases Two Prisoners.

Oneonta, Ala. Jan. 5.—During last night, Miss Etta Aldridge, aged 22, daughter of the county sheriff, liberated two prisoners, Louis Gurley, charged with murder and Mayburn Murphree, sentenced for adultery. Miss Aldridge is said to have accompanied one of the prisoners in his flight.

Deaths of the Day.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Elizabeth Faley Ninde, widow of Bishop William X. Ninde, of the M. E. church died at her residence here today of acute bronchitis.

Honolulu, Jan. 5.—Bishop Gulstan, head of the Roman catholic church of Hawaiian Islands, is dead.

Dubuque, Ia., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Mary Morgan, 105 years old, died today.

Champaign, Ill. Jan. 5.—Col. Henry Clinton Forbes, aged 69, librarian of the state laboratory of natural history, is dead.

Herrick is a Candidate.

Cleveland, Jan. 5.—Col. Aaron T. Herrick today announced himself a candidate for the nomination for governor of Ohio.

GAVE BIRTH TO FOUR BABES

Rivals of the Famous Ormsby Quads of Chicago Born at Toledo, Ohio.

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MILEAGE CLAIMS

Of Soldiers Passed On in Decision of United States Supreme Court.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The supreme court today decided the case of Chance vs. the United States, a claim for mileage. Chance was ordered from the Philippines to his home in Illinois and claimed mileage for the land travel. The court decided that under the statute providing that actual expenses only shall be paid to officers when traveling to or from our island possessions, congress made no discrimination in the methods of compensation for travel on land and on the sea and that an officer ordered from our island possessions is restricted to actual expenses only, and cannot claim mileage for any part of the journey. The decision is a test one and covers claims exceeding \$300,000.

PRETENDER HAS RETREATED

Sultan of Morocco May Now Reorganize Army.

Madrid, Jan. 5.—Premier Silveira has presented to King Alfonso official despatches confirming the retreat of the pretender to the Moroccan throne, thus allowing the sultan to reorganize the army and stamp out the insurrection.

CALLS A CAUCAS

ROWE NOTIFIES REPUBLICANS OF ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE TO MEET THIS AFTERNOON.

A HOT FIGHT NOW ON

Rival Claims of Sherman and Miller Factions—Democrats Said to Be For Mason.

Springfield, Jan. 5.—A meeting of the followers of Miller and Sherman, republican candidates for the speakership were held today and tonight. Sherman still claims 49 votes pledged. Forty-three members attended the Miller conference tonight. He claims five more. The democrats have three candidates to go before their caucus—Wilson of Ogle county; Donoghue, of Chicago; and Bowles of Will county.

Barry for President Pro Tem.

Nearly all the republican senators are here tonight. The only name mentioned in connection with president pro tem of the senate is Barry of Hancock.

Senator Mueller of Chicago, will champion the candidacy of Luther Laflin Mills for the United States senatorship. George E. Adams, also a candidate, will open headquarters in the latter part of the week. Senator Mason's son says his father is confident of election and that friends of both Mills and Adams will co-operate with his father.

Congressman J. R. Williams of Carmi, will be the choice of the democrats for United States senator.

It is stated that several democrats have declared themselves in favor of the re-election of Mason. William E. Mount of Carlinville, secretary of the democratic state committee denies the correctness of this statement.

GOVERNOR WHITE SWORN IN.

Opposition to Hamsbrough's Re-election Practically Disappears.

Blismarck, N. Dak., Jan. 5.—Gov. White was sworn in for the second term today. Opposition to the re-election of Senator Hamsbrough has been in a large part withdrawn and it is now considered unlikely any other name will be voted for.

Lafollette Inaugurated.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 5.—R. M. Lafollette was inaugurated for a second term as governor of the state of Wisconsin at noon today at the state capital, fully twelve thousand people being present.

REGULAR REPUBLICANS.

Of Delaware Refused to Caucus With Addicks Men.

Dover, Del. Jan. 5.—The ten regular republican members of the legislature refused to join the 21 Addicks adherents in caucus tonight and say they will stand out against the election of Addicks even to deadlocking the joint session.

NEBRASKA REPUBLICANS.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 5.—In the republican caucus tonight John H. Mockett, Jr., of Lincoln, was nominated for speaker.

THREE BROTHERS FIGHT.

And Youngest Dies of Wounds Trying to Reach Home.

Prairie Du Chien, Wis., Jan. 5.—A fight between three brothers Friday night has resulted in the death of Charles Laravens, a pearl fisher whose home is on an island opposite Lynxville.

Charles the youngest, started home alone and becoming exhausted from loss of blood, died. The body was found today.

FELL SIX HUNDRED FEET

Horrible Death of Three Miners in the Windsor, Wis. Mine.

Hurley, Wis., Jan. 5.—Three miners were killed today in Windsor mine. They were descending into the mine, riding on the skip and lost their balance, falling 600 feet. Their bodies were mangled almost beyond recognition.

NETTLE PAUL OF SAVANNAH, ILL., FOUND WITH BULLET WOUND IN BREAST.

Mishawaka, Ind. Jan. 5.—Miss Nettie Paul, aged 20, handsomely and fashionably attired, was found dead with a bullet wound in her breast in her apartments. Near her lay a revolver. Much mystery surrounds the affair. The girl came here from Savannah, Ill.

MAY REBEL ONCE MORE

People of Indianola, Miss., Wrought Up Over the Post Office Muddle.

INDEPENDENT OFFICE SET UP.

Indianola, Miss., Jan. 5.—There can be no mistaking the fact that a large portion of this community is considerably wrought up over the action of the government closing the postoffice here. Today a private office was established for the distribution of mail collected by an independent messenger service from Heathman and Greenville. The independent service will be maintained at the expense of the citizens.

No serious trouble is anticipated by the more conservative people, but precaution has been taken by the officials to deputize a sufficient complement of men should occasion demand. A large number of people publicly avow they will not accept the negro woman as postmaster under any circumstances. An authorized statement from the mayor says conditions are such he would not advise Mrs. Cox to open the postoffice, but in the event of any trouble he will afford her ample protection. The undercurrent of excitement extends to surrounding towns.

She Was Not Threatened.

Indianola, Miss., Jan. 5.—Minnie Cox, the colored postmistress of this place, on account of whose resignation the government ordered the postoffice closed, left Indianola tonight for Birmingham, Ala. Although the sentiment of the people is against the action of the government, in closing the office on account of the consequent partial paralysis of the business, no violence is anticipated. Before she left tonight, Mrs. Cox made a statement in which she denied she had been subjected to any indignities and stated that no violence had been threatened. Her husband, employed in the railway mail service, also made a statement in which he said his wife was not threatened, but that he understood the race problem in the south and advised her to give up the place.

ANOTHER COMMUNITY IN SOUTH

Intimidates a Mail Carrier Because He is a Negro.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 5.—Postmaster General Payne received information today that a posse of white citizens at Boeuf River, La., last night ordered Charles Jackson, a negro mail carrier, not to return with mail on his route, and threatened him with death in case he did not heed their injunction. The reason given by the posse, was the color of the carrier. An inspector has been ordered to investigate.

WILL RAISE FREIGHT RATES

The Railroads Fearing That They Can't Maintain Their Earnings Twist the Screws.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Freight rates on nearly all commodities transported by the western railroads will be raised at least 5 per cent during the next 30 days, declares the Record-Herald.

Officials are actuated largely by a fear that increased cost of everything the railroads buy will make a maintenance of the present dividend rates impossible during 1903.

EXPORTS FROM GERMANY

To the United States Show Large Increase During Last Year.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—The total exports of Germany through American consulates to the United States during 1902 amounted to \$114,495,502, an increase of \$14,878,770 over the preceding year. The largest gain was \$2,808,800 won from Dusseldorf, and was almost entirely in iron and steel.

The consulates in textile districts also show large gains of exports to the United States for 1902. Of thirty two American consulates in Germany twenty-five show increased exports, while seven show decreases.

Balfour Best Man.

London, Jan. 5.—War Secretary Balfour and Madeline Stanley, daughter of Lady June, were married at St. George church this afternoon. Premier Balfour was the best man. The church was crowded with fashionable people.

Named as Receiver.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Henry L. Wilson has been appointed receiver of the Keystone Manufacturing company, of Rock Falls, Ill., by Federal Judge Kohl-saat. The company has plants at Sterling, Ill., and Council Bluffs, Ia. Liabilities and assets about \$350,000.

Strike for More Pay.

Bessemer, Mich., Jan. 5.—Two hundred men at the Mikado mines struck today for increased pay.

SAGASTA IS DEAD

FORMER SPANISH PREMIER DIED AT MADRID MONDAY EVENING AT 6:30 O'CLOCK.

WAS A LIBERAL LEADER

Death Causes Profound Regret Throughout the Kingdom—Was Due to Bronchitis.

Madrid, Jan. 5.—Former Premier Sagasta died at 6.30 o'clock.

Sagasta's death was due to bronchitis and gastric trouble. His family was at the deathbed and former liberal members of the cabinet were near their old leader. A bishop administered the last sacrament this afternoon.

The news of the former premier's death created a painful impression throughout Madrid. King Alfonso expressed profound regret.

WANTS IT ABSOLUTE.

Crown Princess Demands Complete Separation from Husband.

Dresden, Jan. 5.—The German consul at Geneva has received necessary permission to serve a writ on Crown Princess Louise in connection with the suit for divorce brought against her by the crown prince of Saxony.

The writ which the German consul at Geneva purposes to serve on the Crown Princess of Saxony, is a petition for judicial separation. The document requests the Crown Princess to return to Dresden and appear January 23, before a special tribunal. The Princess on the other hand, demands an absolute divorce from the Crown Prince.

Holmes' First Decision.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Justice Holmes of the United States supreme court today delivered the first opinion promulgated by him as a member of that court. The case was that of Otis Gassman vs. E. Parker and involved the question as to whether the state constitution of California prohibiting dealings on margins in stock is in contravention of the constitution of the United States. The decision of the California courts which sustains the constitution prohibiting such dealings is confirmed.

BURIAL OF MRS. BERING.

Funeral Services Held At Residence on Sunday.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. E. Bering was held Sunday afternoon from the family residence on West William street. The services which were largely attended were conducted by Dr. W. H. Penhalegon, pastor of the First Presbyterian church assisted by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, pastor of the First Baptist church. The choir of the Presbyterian church, composed of Miss Noy Montgomery, Miss Grace Hubbard, George Dunston and D. L. Bunn, sang.

The flowers which almost filled the library where the casket was placed were very beautiful.

The service opened with the singing of "Lead Kindly Light," followed by a scriptural reading by Dr. Penhalegon. The choir sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and Rev. Bowyer offered prayer. The Lord's prayer was chanted and Dr. Penhalegon made a brief address.

He spoke of life as a short pilgrimage and said the only traces left by the pilgrims in the caravan which moves ever toward death, are the influences for good and for the betterment of their fellows which they exercised in life. He referred to the life and character of Mrs. Bering and dwelt upon the influence for good which she exerted through her faithfulness in her religion and her superior intellect.

The services at the house concluded with the singing of the hymn, "Dream on My Soul."

The burial was in Greenwood cemetery and at the grave Dr. Penhalegon conducted a brief service and the choir sang "Abide With Me."

The pallbearers were W. C. Johns, Will Ennis, Edward Powers, James Coop, John Clugston and Albert Barnes.

Way Down East.

The opera house was filled last night until standing room was in demand. There are few pastoral plays that please more. The presentation last night was good in every respect but one of the most pleasing features was the singing by the quartette without any orchestral accompaniment.

Weather Forecast.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Illinois—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; warmer; light north west winds becoming south.

Local Weather.

The following is a record of the temperature for 24 hours ended Monday evening at 7 o'clock as reported by Prof. J. H. Coonradt, government observer:

7 a. m. 23 Highest 31
Noon 25 Lowest 23
7 p. m. 25 Precip. none 0.24

URGE FREE COAL

SENATE DISCUSSES THE FUEL SITUATION AND CALL FOR REMOVAL OF THE DUTY.

THE HOUSE BACK AT WORK

But the General Staff Bill Quickly Breaks Up the Legislative Machinery.

Washington, Jan. 5.—When the senate reconvened today, a few senators were absent. Almost immediately discussion began regarding the coal situation. Mr. Lodge prefaced his introduction of a bill suspending for ninety days the duty on coal with the statement that in New England there was much distress owing to the scarcity of coal and that unless relief was afforded at once a number of factories would have shut down. He was aware, he said that such a bill should originate in the house but it was his desire to call attention of the finance committee to the state of affairs.

Mr. Culberson followed with a resolution providing for the removal of the duty on anthracite coal and asked its immediate consideration. Mr. Platt of Connecticut, objected saying: it was his understanding there was no duty on anthracite coal. Mr. Vest took exception to this statement and said the board of general appraisers and President Roosevelt had decided that such a duty was imposed. Mr. Vest also introduced a resolution on the subject.

Another resolution bearing on the subject of coal, introduced by Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, recited the charges of W. R. Hearst, that there was an illegal combination among certain railroads to control the shipment of anthracite coal and called on the attorney general for evidence, which it was alleged, had been secured by him. It caused a lively debate, in which several republican senators vigorously resented what they thought was a reflection on the attorney general. This discussion was continued until 2 o'clock when the resolutions went over, being displaced by the omnibus statehood bill. Mr. Nelson of Minnesota, addressed the senate in opposition to the bill and favored single statehood for Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

At four o'clock the senate adjourned.

THE HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The house resumed work today after a recess of two weeks, but within two hours the machinery broke down for lack of quorum. The bill to create a general staff in the army was the issue. An attempt was made to pass it under a suspension of the rules, which required two-thirds majority. Although all members of the minority or the military committee endorsed it, the opposition developed because of the hurried manner in which it was proposed to pass the bill, and the division of 108 to 59 developed that it did not command the support of two thirds of those present. A call of the house followed, but as the roll call showed about 30 less than a quorum the house adjourned.

THE NOMINATION.

Of Governor Taft As Member of Supreme Court to be Made in February.

Washington, Jan. 5.—If existing plans carry, some time next month President Roosevelt will send to the senate the nomination of Governor Taft to be associate justice of the United States supreme court to succeed Justice Shiras, who is expected to retire during that month. Gov. Taft will be succeeded as governor of the Philippines by General Luke Wright, the present vice-governor, and the latter place will be filled by the appointment of W. W. Rockhill, present director of the bureau of American republics. It appears that Gov. Taft was offered the place on the supreme bench on the death of Justice Gray, but he felt that affairs in the Philippines were in such state as to require his own personal attendance, and he sacrificed the opportunity. The president has not forgotten his unselfishness and now feels the work in the archipelago will be in shape by February so that it may well be taken over by General Wright.

TAYLOR'S NAME

Substituted for Sampson's in Prize Money Litigation.

Washington, Jan. 5.—In the United States supreme court today Chief Justice Fuller announced the substitution of the name of Admiral Taylor for that of Admiral Sampson in the prize money case instituted by Sampson in behalf of himself and others who participated in the naval battle off Santiago. Explaining his selection of Taylor, the chief justice said that Rear Admirals Lyons and Taylor, Captain Chadwick and others are represented in the litigation by counsel, but Rear Admiral Schley and others are not. Of these so represented Evans is absent on foreign station, while Taylor is within jurisdiction.

To Prohibit Polygamy.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Joint resolution was offered today by Representative Parker of New Jersey, proposing an amendment to the constitution to prohibit polygamy, also a bill to restore the sale of malt beverages and light wines to soldiers on army transports and at post exchanges.

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Friday, January 9, 1903

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Terms of sale: On all sums over five dollars credit of 12 months will be given, purchaser to give note with approved security. On all sums of five dollars and under, cash. Five per cent discount for cash.

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BACK-SLIDING

Too Little Importance Attached to the Breaking of the Religious Vow.

BIG MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT.

Sunday School Elections and News of the Churches.

"Backsliding" was Rev. Conoley's topic at the Grace M. E. church Monday night. A person's vows to Christianity should be the paramount vows, and his vows to the church be in turn the highest. If a person breaks his word in business or fails to do as he agrees to and does not tell the truth, there is nothing mean enough to be said about him. Yet persons will break their vows to God and the church and these be counted as trivial things.

The backsliding does not begin when a person gets drunk or quits the church; it is in a person's heart when he sits down to the card table and swings himself on the dancing floor. The cause of so much backsliding is falling to unite with the church and associating with people who are not Christians. On the other hand association with religious persons will strengthen a person in his religious belief. There was a large crowd at the church and several were converted. Nearly the entire congregation remained for the after services and interest is as great as ever.

Sunday Night.

Rev. Conoley spoke Sunday night to the largest crowd that has yet attended the revival meeting now in progress at Grace M. E. church. By 7:30 o'clock every available seat was filled and chairs had been placed in the aisles to accommodate the people. Fully 500 persons were seated and standing in the main auditorium and overflow meeting in charge of Miss Tucker was arranged in the Sunday school room down stairs.

The music was especially fine with solos by Miss Stewart and Professor Smith.

Rev. Conoley preached a strong sermon. He started out by quoting some of the questions which God asks in the Holy Bible. His words to Adam after the sin, "Where art thou?" the question asked of Cain, "Where is thy brother?" and so on, then the question, "Who is on the Lord's side?"

Mr. Conoley is a very practical man and he believes in demonstrating his points practically. He said formal and theoretical Christianity was a different article from practical Christianity. He said that if you asked a hundred people if they believed in the Bible, four-fifths would say they did. But how many mothers who consider themselves Christians, he asked, and will tell you that they believe in the Bible, how many of these good women ever labor with their boys to influence them to give their hearts to God. Yet the Bible says they will surely be lost if they do not. "These women say they they believe the Bible but they are passive while their sons take this awful risk. If that same boy was under sentence to be hanged they would be storming up and down the street of the city getting signers to petitions and beseeching the governor for a pardon. Do you get the point?"

And speaking of practical evidence of interest in the meetings the collections have demonstrated that the people who are attending believe that the meetings are doing good and they are willing to put their money into a good cause. Sunday night bespeaking a generous contribution to the cause, Mr. Conoley said he was reminded of the old colored elder who remonstrated with his flock on their shortcomings in that direction. His auditors protested that he had always preached that salvation was free. He responded, "Salvation am free, but you all ought ter be willin' ter pay de freight."

The overflow meeting was very interesting and the crowd numbered about 200. About 100 conversions have been made.

REV. HEYNE'S REPORT.

Shows St. Johannes Lutheran Church in Excellent Conditions.

At the services at St. Johannes Lutheran church on Sunday Rev. Heyne, the pastor, read his report for the year showing that much work has been accomplished and that the congregation is in splendid shape in every way. The membership is 1540 persons, 894 being communicants and 234 voting members. During the year, 1,993 persons have taken communion, 53 were baptized and 47 confirmed. Rev. Heyne officiated at 12 marriages and fourteen funerals and made 952 calls. The parochial school is attended by 350 children, the teachers being J. T. Link, P. Lorenz, F. Schuelke and Miss A. Holst. There is some debt on the church but it is being rapidly wiped out. The report showed that \$500 was recently paid and that \$300 more will be paid before the last Sunday in this month, when the financial report will be made. The church is ten years old and Rev. Heyne has been pastor since 1896. His work has been very successful and entirely satisfactory to his congregation.

A. H. MILLS RE-ELECTED

Chosen as Superintendent of Presbyterian Sunday School.
At the meeting of the Presbyterian Sunday school the following officers for the ensuing year were elected.
Supt.—A. H. Mills.

1st Asst. Supt.—C. R. Murphy.
2nd Asst. Supt.—Hattie J. Brown.
Secy. and Treas.—E. A. West.
1st Asst. Secy. and Treas.—Mrs. E. A. West.
2nd Asst. Secy. and Treas.—Myrtle Mitchell.
Planist.—Mrs. Harry Pasterson.
Supt. Junior Dept.—Lillie Chadsey.
Asst. Supt., Junior Dept.—Jennie B. Richmond.
Sec. Junior Dept.—Ollie Kunkle.
Supt. Primary Dept.—Mrs. A. E. Murphy.
Asst. Supt. Primary Dept.—Sallie Shaffer.
Supt. Home Dept.—Mrs. Emma Lewis.
Asst. Supt. Home Dept.—Mrs. A. H. Mills.

WESLEY CHAPEL

Shows A Fine Record of Attendance for the Year.

Wesley Chapel Sunday school had a prosperous year in 1902. Following is record of attendance for the year:
Total scholars present during the year, 5262.

Total officers and teachers present during year 936.

Total visitors present during the year 250.

Total 6438.

Average attendance for year 124.

The school has paid \$109.06 for supplies during the year and contributed \$30.83 to the missionary work.

Maurice Williams was re-elected superintendent for 1903.

The attendance for the first Sunday in the new year was 146.

CHURCH OF GOD.

These Church of God Sunday school officers were elected as follows:

Superintendent—J. W. Fritz.
Assistant—W. L. Huff.
Secretary—Ella Chandler.
Assistant—Mabel Brightbill.
Organist—Lillian Chandler.
Treasurer—Clara Stare.
Librarians—Elmer Hugenberger and Walter Ware.

The following Y. P. S. C. E. officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Clara Ritchmond.
Vice President—L. Hugenberger.
Secretary—Lula Wells.
Treasurer—J. W. Fritz.
Organist—Alice Rupp.
Librarian—Omer Cofer.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

On Sunday afternoon at the Cumberland Presbyterian church a Mission Band was organized and officers were elected as follows:

President—Grace Wilson.
Vice President—Helen Moffit.
Secretary—Pearl Hughes.
Treasurer—Jennie Pruitt.
Chorister—Lura Pile.
Organist—May Croy.
Miss Leta Langford was elected superintendent.

Announcements.

The ladies' social circle will meet at the church for work this morning and at 2:30 p. m. a business meeting will be held at which time arrangements will be made for a congregational social to be given Wednesday, Jan. 21.

The pastor will be absent next Sunday assisting in services at Bethany. The pulpit will be occupied in the morning by Rev. A. R. Taylor. In the evening by Rev. J. S. Keener.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening will be conducted by the Endeavor society.

UNITED BRETHREN.

"Crowning Day" was observed by the Sunday school of the United Brethren on Sunday. The annual report showed the school to be in a good financial condition. The children who had been present 10 Sundays were crowned and there were other interesting services.

The following officers were elected:
Superintendent—W. H. Dood.
Assistant Superintendent—William Montgomery.
Secretary—Ada DeHart.
Treasurer—Pearl Gebhart.
Organist—Lennie Devore.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

At the First Baptist church in the morning, preceding the regular observance of the communion service, the pastor preached a short sermon having for his theme "The Lord's Supper." In the evening, it being the first Sunday in the sixth year of the present pastorate, he preached an anniversary sermon, in which he spoke, among other things, of the accomplishments of the church during the past five years.

Announcements.

The week of prayer will be observed in a special manner. There will be services each evening. Tuesday evening the subject for discussion and prayer will be "Mission Work of the Church in General and the Chapel Work in Particular." Wednesday evening, "The Women's Societies;" Friday evening, "The Church's Finances."

These meetings will begin at 7:30 except the Friday evening meeting, which will begin at 7:15, the regular meeting of the teachers' Bible study to follow at 8 o'clock.
Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock the regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid will be held at the church and reports will be heard from the committee concerning the fair.

East Park Chapel.

There will be no service at the chapel this evening as the subject for the meeting at the First church tonight is chiefly concerning the chapel work and the members of East Park are urged to attend this service.

Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock the King's Daughters meet at the home of Mrs. John J. Roach, 920 East North street.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN.
On account of the limited supply of

coal the congregation worshipped yesterday in the Sunday school room, both morning and evening. The attendance at the morning service was unusually good and the offerings liberal.

The sermon by the pastor was based on the words, "Jesus Christ the same today, yesterday and forever," and was treated as an appropriate motto for the new year. Amid the fleeting, changing, decaying and passing away of all that goes to make up earthly life, the human heart comes to long for that which is unchanging and abiding, and finds it in the unchanging word of the immutable God, as our father, saviour and friend, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass away."

In the evening a series of six or seven discourses on "The Story of Joseph" was begun.

Announcements.
The preparatory and communion services which were omitted because the auditorium could not be used, will be held next Sunday morning. The Willing Workers will resume their regular weekly meetings next Thursday afternoon.

TABERNACLE.

The General Aid society will hold the regular monthly meeting at the Tabernacle Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 2:30. Election of general officers to take place.

The ladies of the Third ward society will meet at the home of Mrs. P. B. Jones, 153 West North street, at 2 o'clock Thursday, to tie a comfort. If any members of the church are living in the ward who do not belong to the society they are invited.

The Fourth ward will meet at the home of Mrs. Graves, 734 East Wood, Thursday at 2:30 for quilting.

The Fifth ward will meet with Mrs. Hubbell, 1618 East William street, Wednesday afternoon.

The Sixth ward will meet on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Winters, 1197 East Eldorado street.

The ladies of the Seventh ward will meet with Mrs. Myers, North College street, Thursday afternoon. There is plenty of work to do.

Cottage prayer meeting with Mrs. Chenoweth, south of the river on the Macon road, Wednesday at 2:30 p. m.

The official board will meet on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 11, to outline plan of work for the coming year and to name committees to push church work.

The lookout committee of the Senior Y. P. S. C. E. H. H. Caldwell, chairman; Mrs. Caldwell, Beulah Jones, Maud Howse, Mr. Crum, George McCane, Ed Askins, also president and secretary will meet at the home of Mr. Caldwell, 854 North Mercer street, Monday evening at 7:30 sharp.

The In-For Work club will meet Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jones, 153 West North street.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Emily Ann Page.

Mrs. Emily Ann Page died early Monday morning at her home 1330 East William street, aged 65 years. She leaves two daughters.

The funeral will be held this morning at ten o'clock from the residence.

Charles Graham.

Charles Graham a brother of P. J. Graham died at St. Mary's hospital Monday at noon. He was about 30 years old and his death was due to stomach trouble.

Mr. Graham's home was in Chicago and he was prevailed upon to come to Decatur for treatment. A sister Miss Eva Graham came with him and cared for him during his last illness.

P. J. Graham, the brother of the dead man, was formerly connected with the car department of the Wabash in this city and went from here to Moberly, Mo., where he took a position as foreman of the same department there. He is expected to arrive here this morning and the arrangements for the funeral will then be made. Pending his arrival the remains were taken to the undertaking parlors of D. Brintlinger.

GOT A GALLEY GOD

Kenyon Van Buskirk Arrested For Throwing Sawdust.

Kenyon Van Buskirk of 250 East Condit street was arrested last night in the gallery of the opera house. Van Buskirk with a number of boys whose names are known, and who will probably be arrested today, were throwing hands full of sawdust and other trash from the floor, upon the hair of the ladies in the parquet. This is not the first instance that that thing has occurred and the occupants of the house have complained to the manager, until strenuous steps will be taken to break up the practice.

Crescents Win.

The Crescents defeated the Wabash Bowling team at the Brunswick alleys last night. The total pins of the Crescents was 2447 and the total of the Wabash 2194.

The All Stars will play the Rough Rollers on Friday night.

Barbers Elect Officers.

The Barbers Union held their regular meeting last night in their hall on the corner of North Main and William street. The following are the officers elected:

President—E. E. Hamblin.
Vice President—L. E. Eller.
Secretary—C. L. Hyser.
Recorder—J. B. Rheinhart.
Treasurer—A. Shumard.
Guard—Charles Six.
Guide—E. Edwards.

Entertained at Cards.
Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Johnson entertained a few friends at their home 922 East North street on Sunday night. Cards and music were the pastimes of the evening.

IMPORTANT STEP

Merchants and Manufacturers Contemplate the Organization of Chamber of Commerce.

MUTUAL INSURANCE SUGGESTED

Meeting of the Manufacturers at Club Rooms Monday Evening.

A meeting of the Manufacturers' and Jobbers' association was held Monday evening at the rooms of the Decatur club. There was a good attendance and the committee appointed at the last meeting gave their reports.

The committee on formation of a local freight bureau, reported through Adolph Mueller and George W. Mueller. Wilson Bering, the other member of the committee being absent. The gentlemen named reported that it was the opinion of the committee that something more than a freight bureau was demanded by a town of the size of Decatur. They proposed to form an organization composed of the business interests of the town in the form of a chamber of commerce or some similar body. They recommended that this organization be made a stock company and being regularly incorporated. Such an association would look after such matters as local freight rates, securing new enterprises and would exercise a general supervision over all matters pertaining to the commercial well being and advancement of the city. No details were given. The report of the committee was adopted and the chair was authorized to appoint a new committee to prepare a plan of organization for such an association. They will report at the next meeting.

George W. Mueller reported for the railroad committee, on freight rates. He said that the present case against the railroads before the railroad and ware house commission would come up for argument today at Springfield. The taking of evidence was finished a month or so ago and a decision is expected about the first of February.

The men in charge of the fight for the towns interested are sanguine of the result. From the questions asked by the members of the commission and the evidence heard Mr. Mueller predicted that a reduction of from 25 to 30 per cent might be reasonably expected.

The insurance committee reported that they believed that a mutual fire insurance company could be organized with good results in Decatur. The experiences of other towns were quoted and the advantages in the way of cheaper insurance, etc., were set forth. No definite plan was proposed but the subject will be canvassed and brought up at the next meeting.

Would Get Rid of Fog.

A leading English chemist, Dr. Redwood, says that if oil were generally used for fuel in London the great institution known as the London fog would absolutely disappear. The doctor says that the fogs are caused by unconsumed carbon suspended in the air and originating from the thousands of factory chimneys belching out smoke. The doctor points out that oil has been successfully burned as fuel on sea and land, and urges its compulsory adoption by the manufacturers of the great metropolis.

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Industrious Prof. Knight.
Prof. Knight, who has just resigned the chair of Moral Philosophy at St. Andrew's university, has for 40 years been a singularly industrious worker in the field of literature. Besides his books dealing with the work, influence of life of Wordsworth, which in all number close upon 40 volumes, some 20 separate works, including "Principal Sharp and His Friends" and a "Memoir of English Literature in Glasgow University," have come from his pen. Mr. Knight, who is nearing his 67th birthday, has completed his work on "Scottish Men of Letters in the Nineteenth Century."

Gov. Taft's Offices.
Few Americans have held more offices under the government that Governor Taft. If the report that he may be advanced to the United States supreme court next year proves true Governor Taft will give up his ninth office to accept the greater honor. His first public office was that of assistant prosecuting attorney of Hamilton county, O. He advanced through eight lucrative positions under his state and national governments, from each of which he resigned, until he was appointed governor of the Philippines. The career of Governor Taft as a public official is unique in this regard.

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Committee on Revision Recommend That Australian Ballot Be Used in Future

CONFERENCE WITH THE MAYOR

On Violation of Spilt Ordinance and Trash in Streets.

The general club was delightfully entertained by the Art and Literature division Monday afternoon at the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club.

The principal item of interest in the business meeting was the report of the committee on revision of the constitution. Miss Margaret E. Crissey is chairman of the committee and their recommendations will be posted for a month and will be voted upon at the next regular meeting. The principal amendment offered has to do with the holding of elections and prescribes the making of the ticket, etc. It provides that a ticket shall be named by the directory and another by the club. The Australian system is to be used in voting. The establishment of the office of financial secretary is recommended, the incumbent to assist the treasurer.

It was suggested that at each general meeting the names of all proposed members be read and also the names of ladies resigning from the club.

The library committee reported two circulating libraries in use and two more almost completed.

The Spilt Ordinance.
The civic committee reported that the mayor had listened patiently to their complaint that there was a growing disregard of the anti-spilt ordinance and that the streets were rendered unnecessarily dirty by sweepings of stores being dumped in the streets instead of into the trash boxes. His honor explained that many of the signs had been torn down during the carnival and that a new supply had been ordered and would be put up soon.

Regarding the dust he said he would see what could be done and explained that even where the boxes are used the dust does not show a disposition to stay inside but blows out onto the street.

The Suffrage Bill.
The names of the representatives and the senator from this district to the legislature were read and the ladies were requested each to write a personal letter to each of them urging their support of the bills which the state federation will introduce at the session which begins tomorrow. The principal acts advocated by the women of the state are, one permitting women who pay taxes to vote; another the child labor law; compulsory education bill; and diploma for nurses bill. The latter measure was suggested by the fact that an unscrupulous institution exists in Chicago which turns out nurses' diplomas for so much per to all who have the price regardless of their knowledge or efficiency. Some recommendations as to the time and manner of paying the annual members' dues were given.

Social Part.
The social part of the afternoon was a great success and much of the credit is due to the efficient chairman of Art and Literature, Mrs. Emma Lewis. The affair was a Swedish afternoon and the program as printed in the Sunday Herald was carried out with the exception of Mrs. Howard's solo, she being absent. Mrs. Shultz' paper on Scandinavian art was very good and was greatly enjoyed, as was also Mrs. Danzeisen's paper on the literature of the country, which was most comprehensive. The musical selections were uniformly excellent.

The refreshments were unique and, in keeping with the other arrangements, were Swedish throughout. Meat balls a la Swedish, bread imported from Sweden with pickles of onion and ripe cucumber, Swedish style, and coffeebread and hot coffee made up the menu. The luncheon was delightfully served and greatly appreciated.

BIG CONTRACT.

For Digging a Ditch in the Illini Drainage District.

At Latham on Saturday the commissioners awarded the contract for a big drainage ditch to Contractor McWilliams. His bid was 31 3-4 cents per cubic yard and that will make the ditch cost about \$17,000.

The contract will cover a big ditch with three laterals. The main ditch will be a mile long and will be five feet wide at the bottom, seventeen feet at the top and six feet deep.

In addition there will be three smaller ditches together making about five miles. These smaller ditches will be twelve feet wide at the top, three feet at the bottom and six feet deep.

These ditches will drain six sections of land that are not now always available for farming lands and will form in addition, an outlet no doubt for many smaller drains.

Going to Texas.

Rev. T. D. Weems and wife have gone to Cerro Gordo to make a visit with their daughter, Mrs. V. W. Snyder. Mr. Snyder who has long been in business in Cerro Gordo expects to soon remove to San Antonio, Texas and engage in business there. It is the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Weems to go to San Antonio and spend the winter there.

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BUSINESS AND OTHERWISE

Epworth League Lecture Course.

Dr. Camden M. Coburn who appears on the lecture course of Grace church Epworth League will be here Jan. 9, Thursday evening. This is a week earlier than date announced on the course tickets, the change being made at Dr. Coburn's request. His subject is "Superstitions of the 20th Century." Lecture will commence at 8:30 o'clock.

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Superstitions of Twentieth Century.

Dr. Camden M. Coburn, of St. James M. E. church, Chicago, will deliver the second lecture on the Epworth League course at Grace M. E. church, Thursday evening at 8:30. This lecture on "Superstitions of the 20th Century" is not to be excelled by any other that will appear in Decatur this season. He takes up occult science, Christian Science, spiritualism, and kindred subjects, and their place in the realm of the thought and life of the times.

The lecture is given a week earlier than date announced on tickets at Dr. Coburn's request. Single admission will be 25c. No reserved seats.

IT MAY EASE UP A LITTLE

Prospect That the Coal Situation Will Show Improvement Within a Week.

STILL FAR BEHIND THE DEMAND.

There is hope that the fuel situation will show improvement during the next few days. Local retail dealers have promise of more coal and the Decatur company is doing its very best to fill all orders, but is still far behind in the game. As stated Sunday morning the old shaft was turned loose on orders from Decatur yesterday and within a few days the company ought to be nearly even. The teamsters were working Monday however on orders that were placed a week ago.

New orders were still pouring in rapidly and the colder weather is certainly going to increase the demand. In the opening of the old shaft for city use the company is turning down car load orders from the neighboring towns. The situation in the smaller towns is about as bad as in this city. Users of coal should not get scared.

It has been discovered that many who had coal enough to run them for a week or more were among the first to get frightened and place orders with the company. This has served to congest the work of supplying the demand. It may be the means of making others suffer for the want of fuel.

LODGE INSTALLATIONS

Recently Elected Officers Inducted Into Office.

The newly elected officers of the Knights of Columbus were installed in their rooms in the Conklin Building last night. P. E. Dooling, district deputy of the order and his staff of Springfield installed the officers. Following the installation there was a social hour. The following were in the Springfield team, D. A. Walsh, Frank Ryan, C. A. Powers, D. O. Hallahan, G. F. Westenberg, T. J. Condon, J. F. O'Brien, James Glavin, M. F. O'Brien.

Maceabees.

Decatur Tent 130 Knights of Maceabees held their regular meeting last night and initiated two candidates. The officers elected some time ago were to have been installed, but on account of the delay in the necessary commissions from the head tent, the installation was delayed until the next meeting. Following the degree work a supper was served at the Busy Bee Restaurant.

Fraternal Army.

R. B. Clary Post Fraternal Army met last night and installed the officers elected some time ago. Following the installation there was a social time and light refreshments were served.

Rebekah Officers.

In reporting the names of the elective and appointive officers of Progress lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, Sunday morning, the name of left support to the vice grand should have been Mrs. Ella Morris. Officers omitted from the list were Mrs. Fannie Slater, conductor and Mrs. Catharine Schiller, inside guard.

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WILL AUDIT BOOKS

City Comptroller H. F. Robbins Asks Council to Check Accounts in His Office.

THREE ORDINANCES OFFERED.

Council Orders Warrant to Retire Bonds Valued at \$22,000.

At the meeting of the city council last night there was more business transacted than has come before the body for a long time but even then the meeting was not greatly prolonged.

Wants His Books Examined.

Comptroller H. F. Robbins acted as clerk and no doubt surprised some of the members by reading the following: It having come to my notice that comments are made that, in spite of the fact that I regularly make to the council detailed reports of the various receipts and expenditures, there is never any effort made to verify their correctness, the reports merely being ordered filed. I therefore ask your honorable body to appoint at once a committee to check up said books and accounts.

(Signed) H. F. ROBBINS.

Alderman Wilson moved that the communication be referred to the finance committee. Comptroller Robbins said that he would like to have a committee appointed. Alderman Wilson said that his motion was for the purpose of giving the finance committee an opportunity to determine what plan they should pursue in naming a committee to do the work.

Alderman Peake suggested that a committee of three from the finance committee be appointed to do the work. That prevailed and Mayor Shilling appointed Messrs. Wilson, Payne and Peake.

When asked Comptroller Robbins said there was nothing to say more than he had said in his communication to the city council. He cited the fact that although he had since he went into office a number of years ago regularly submitted to the council reports concerning receipts and expenditures in his office, these reports had never been verified, merely being order "filed." He simply wanted his books checked up.

Asks an Allowance.

A communication from Wm. Meehan said that on October 18 last while serving as a police officer he had sustained injuries which had kept him constantly under the care of a physician and as compensation for the loss of the time that he had been unable to work, he asked that the council allow him \$75. A statement from Dr. M. P. Parrish said that since October 18 he had been constantly attending Meehan as a result of his injury and that he believed that Meehan would not be able to work before January 15. The petition was referred to the finance committee.

Beard's Bill.

Wm. Beard, a lackman, presented a claim against the city for \$124 and it was referred to the finance committee. Beard's statement was that on November 15 while driving on Union street his horse came in contact with an electric wire carrying a current. As a result the horse was disabled for thirty-eight days. His claim was itemized as follows:

Feed for the horse for 38 days	\$11.40
Care for horse for 38 days	19.00
Medicine furnished for the horse	5.00
Damage to the harness	4.00
Loss of the use of the horse for 38 days	38.00
Permanent injury sustained by the horse	60.00
Total	\$124.40

Petitions.

W. H. Starr asked permission to erect a wooden awning in front of his establishment on Broadway. Referred to the sidewalk and crossing committee with power to act.

W. H. Whittington asked that his license for a saloon at 253 South Park street be transferred to Kish Bros. The request was granted.

New Lease.

The lease by which the city holds the ground occupied by the stable for the police patrol horses, was read and referred to the finance committee. The lease may be terminated at any time upon giving six months notice. The land is rented from the Advance Thresher company at \$83.12 per annum. The lease is for a term of five years ending April 1908.

Reports.

The monthly report of the comptroller, as already published was read and ordered filed.

The report of the city treasurer for December said that there was on the first day of that month a balance of \$63,254.91. The receipts for the month were \$831.74; warrants paid amounted to \$11,802.49; balance January 1, \$47,084.16. Balance in sinking fund \$31,984.20.

The reports from the water works pumping station said that during December there had been pumped to the city 75,840,000 gallons of water; to the reservoir 90,646,000 gallons of water; the coal consumed had been for the light station 137 1-2 tons; for pumping 166 1-2 tons; for the filter plant 10 tons. The light plant was in operation 294 hours.

The board of park commissioners presented a detailed report of the money expended in the parks and asked for a warrant for \$1000. It was ordered drawn.

Inspector Ruthrauff reported that

the expenditures in his department during December had amounted to \$71.76. Five new meters had been set making a total of 791 now in use.

The police report was that the total of fines assessed in December was \$36; collected \$48.05; paid to treasurer, \$55.35; the patrol wagon answered 32 calls and carried 41 prisoners and two sick persons; the wagon traveled 708 blocks or 59 miles. The total arrests were 65.

Claims.

The usual claims, including the approval of the pay rolls, were approved.

New Ordinances.

An ordinance presented by the Grocers' Association in relation to the size of the loaf of bread that could be sold, was read and referred to the ordinance committee. The measure provides that the minimum weight on the day the bread is made shall be 15 ounces; the maximum weight 20 ounces; all loaves shall have a tag bearing the name of the maker and the date it was made; all bread must be made from wholesome flour; the members of the board of health are given authority to enter, during the daytime, any bake shop or place where bread is sold, and take possession of any bread that does not meet the requirements of the ordinance. The penalty for a violation of the ordinance is a fine not less than \$3 nor more than \$10. Buns, biscuits, rolls and fancy bread are exempt from the provisions of the ordinance.

Ralph E. Pratt and C. W. Buckley of Chicago and Harvey Bates of Indianapolis who one time offered an ordinance for a franchise for a combined electric light and heating plant, but withdrew that measure, presented an ordinance asking for a franchise for an electric light plant. It was read and referred to the ordinance committee.

The Decatur Traction company presented a petition asking for an ordinance to put a street car track on Eldorado street from North Main street west to Fairlawn park. Referred to the ordinance committee.

The City's Share.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the city comptroller to represent the frontage of Central Park in signing the petition which asked that North Water street be re-surfaced with asphalt.

To Retire Bonds.

A resolution signed by all of the members of the finance committee was adopted, authorizing the comptroller to sign a warrant payable to the Millikin National Bank for the sum of \$22,000 to retire water works improvement bonds called in for January 1, 1903.

Street Signs.

Mayor Shilling called attention to the question of putting signs at the street intersections and said that 1800 signs would be required and that the entire cost would be not to exceed \$600. The work cannot be completed for several months but it would be well to commence early and get the details out of the way. On motion of Brand, the mayor appointed a committee to look after the matter, the mayor to be a member of the committee. The mayor named Brand, Meredith and Fribourg.

Labor Union Elections.

Federal Labor Union No. 8374 was held Friday night when the following officers were elected:

President—G. N. Egnor.
Vice President—C. M. Schnieder.
Financial Secretary—A. W. Boyer.
S. T.—L. D. Dayton.
Conductor—F. R. Horton.
Guard—C. A. Draper.
Trustees—Charles Horton.

Electrical Workers.

The electrical workers held a meeting last Wednesday night and elected the following officers:

President—E. O. Baker.
Vice President—W. H. Peak.
Recording Secretary—A. J. Fraser.
Treasurer—Robert Windle.
First Inspector—R. C. Ward.
Second Inspector—C. Marshall.
Foreman—J. L. Vaughn.
Trustees—W. H. Pease, Lee Springs, C. Marshall.

Delegates to Trade and Labor Assembly.

Robt. Windle, W. H. Peak, J. L. Vaughn and R. C. Ward.

Open Installation.

At their hall at the corner of Main and Williams streets tonight the members of the Chevalier Bayard lodge Knights of Pythias will install their recently elected officers. The meeting will be an open one to all knights and their families and they are invited to attend.

HAS PNEUMONIA.

A. F. Vowell, corner of Cerro Gordo and Jasper streets, is dangerously ill with pneumonia. Mr. Vowell is 70 years old and on account of his advanced age there is little hope of his recovery.

BACK AT WORK.

Elmer E. Grindol who was injured by falling from a North Water street car some time ago returned to work at Linn & Scruggs on Monday after being in bed for ten days.

THE LAST ATTRACTION.

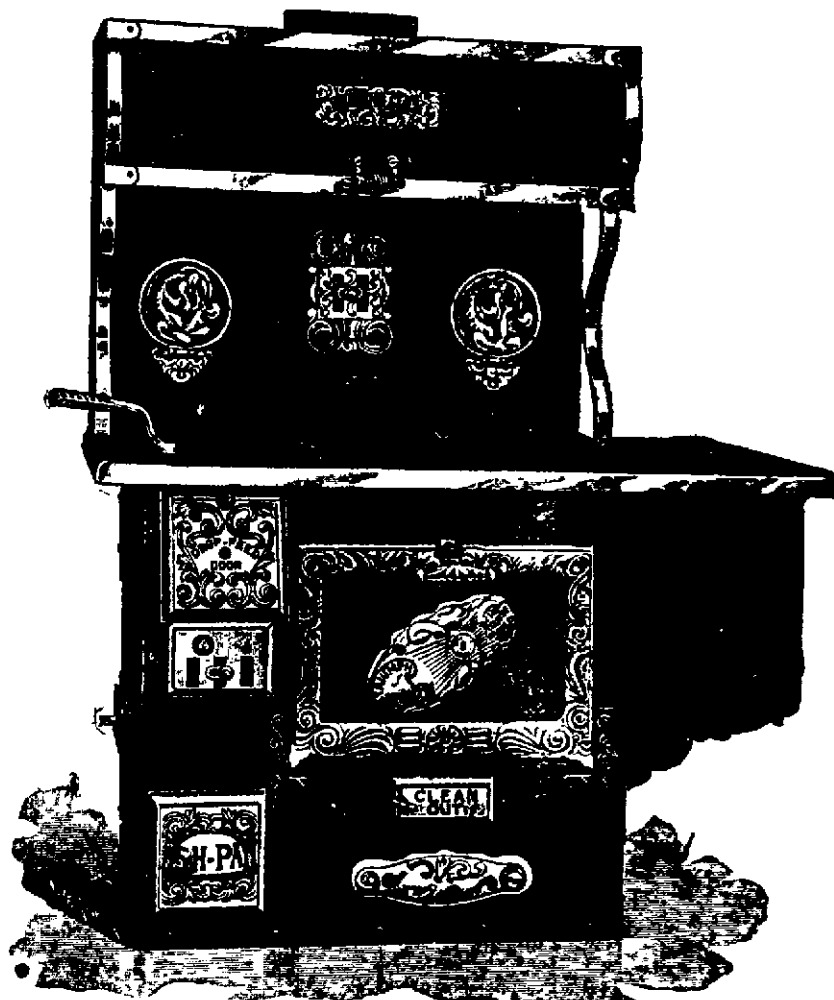
The latest freak in the Children's museum in the Springer window is a white 'possum. It was given Will Springer by a country man living near Lake City.

Mothers! Mothers!! Mothers!!!

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(Chicago Journal.)
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Wonderful as are the reports made in medical journals and through the public press of cures effected by the goat lymph treatment, the truth is not half told. The results in a long list of serious ailments, many of them hitherto classed by the best physicians in the world as incurable, are marvelous. Absolute and permanent cures are being constantly made in many aggravated cases of nervous prostration, neurasthenia, primary dementia, epilepsy, chronic articular rheumatism, and similar diseases. In all troubles arising from overwork, business worries, or excesses of any kind, goat lymph is a specific. One patient, a prominent dentist in Denver, Col., writes to the Goat Lymph Sanitarium Association, Auditorium building, Chicago, as follows: "Would be thankful for a sample of the lymph, as I wish to examine the 'magic fluid' that has done so much for me."

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SIGNIFICANT DATES.
Monday, Jan. 6—Stephen Decatur, hero of Tripoli, born, 1773.
Tuesday, Jan. 6—Joan of Arc, French national heroine, born, 1412.

This is good invoice weather.

It seems to be fated to be Marconigraph.

Tomorrow the Illinois state legislature convenes at Springfield.

One more day is given Sherman to "make good" in the speakership contest.

Now will the South American countries continue to give nearly all their trade to their oppressors, the Europeans?

Dr. Lorenz told a New York reporter that Chicago was provincial. Wonder what he would tell a Chicago reporter about New York?

Castro evidently thought that the Monroe doctrine would shield his country from paying its honest debts. He is finding out that it does not.

When Mr. Bryan gets home he might write an article for his newspaper explaining the rate of wages paid in Mexico under the free coinage of silver.

There is a probable whisky famine in Kentucky. Now, things are getting serious for the colonels. Why does not Col. Watterson head the calamity off with an article denouncing Cleveland?

Attorney Gen. Hamlin is getting much information on the coal situation. Meantime the railroads are hustling the coal along at a furious gait. While Mr. Hamlin may not be able to do much legally it is a good thing to know the facts.

There is some talk of Grover Cleveland for president among some portions of the democracy. Of course it is largely a joke. Grover knows too much to allow his name to go before a convention dominated by Bryanites. Should Richard Olney be the nominee it will be as close as another nomination will ever come to Grover.

One thing promises to be cheaper and that is coffee. The Brazilian crop is so large that the price must go down. The use of coffee substitutes also have their effect on the market. In these days of robber-beef prices and high coal it is refreshing to hear of something that is likely to be cheaper.

For unmitigated gall commend us to Peoria, especially its newspapers. For instance the Journal claims 75,000 people. The census gave Peoria 58,100. It is presumed that all were then accounted for. To claim a growth of 16,900 in two years and a half is pure idiocy or just plain lying. No city—large or small—ever grows at such a rate unless it is a boom town in a new country.

Mr. Hopkins was not only nominated for senator by the state republican convention but an overwhelming number of counties prior to the convention were instructed to vote for him. The election of Mr. Hopkins comes as near being by vote of the people as it is possible until an amendment to the federal constitution is adopted. In the light of this the candidacy of Mills and Adams can not be in good faith if they are republicans.

In Colorado the seat of every member of the legislature is contested. Things are in a pretty mess. There is no one to decide whether any one was legally elected. It looks much as though Senator Teller will need to report to that fountain of tears which furnished such a copious shower as he left the republican national convention at St. Louis in 1904. He will probably take a long, lingering farewell from the U. S. senate March 4. Hence these tears.

One of the most mysterious murder

cases ever tried has ended in the acquittal of Miss Tona Dunlap charged with the murder of Miss Allie Dool at Alton, Ill. The coroner's jury exonerated Miss Dunlap but the grand jury indicted her. Miss Dool came to her death from eating poisoned chocolate candy. There is now no clew to the murderer. The authorities are at their wits' end. Meantime the cloud on the good name of Tona Dunlap is rolled away and she goes free again.

TOM REED'S WILL.

The last will and testament of the late Thomas B. Reed is characteristic of the man. It reads as follows:

First—I devise to my father and mother, and to the survivor of them, the fee simple of the estate, which I have in the house on Brackett street, now occupied by my sister, and the house on Essex street occupied by them.

Second—All the rest, residue and remainder of my property I bequeath and devise to my wife, Susan, absolutely, with directions that out of the income thereof she shall pay to my father and mother and to the survivor the sum of \$500 annually in equal half yearly payments. To my dear sister Kitty I make no devise or bequest, because it is best for all interests of the estate that her mother should have the property, and I have no fear that she will not be well treated in the end. I hereby also appoint my wife aforesaid executrix and direct that she shall not give bonds.

The foregoing document is a model of conciseness. There is a bluntness and yet clearness in its every sentence which causes one to wonder why it is that all wills can not be constructed upon a similar plan, and the chances for unending litigation minimized. It is the experience and testimony of those whose judgment is worthy of respect that there is a fruitful field for reform in the realm of probate law. And there are but few communities which have not, furnished their full quota of object lessons. Decatur is no exception.

Deaths Recorded.

W. A. Wallender to Albert T. Lynn, lots 10 and 11 in block 5 Englewood addition to Decatur.—\$500.

Wm. A. Wallender to Albert T. Lynn, lots 8 and 9 in block 5 in Englewood addition to Decatur.—\$500.

Richard Payne to Ollie M. Portwood, lot 13 in block 1 in H. H. Wise subdivision in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of 15, 16, 2 east.—\$325.

C. H. Temple to James J. Finn and P. V. Finn, a 40 foot lot on North Main street.—\$4000.

James J. Finn to Alex. McIntosh, master's deed to lots 1 and 4 in C. W. Battle's subdivision in the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of 10, 16, 2 east.—\$750.

Mary J. Barber to village of Warrensburg, 10 feet of the southwest side of lots 8 and 10 in block 3 in the village of Warrensburg.—\$100.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

Tenn.—Did Tom Thumb have children?

No.

F. M. R.—Has a fifty-cent piece of 1853 with arrows pointing from the date any special value?

No. If it had no arrow heads it would be worth \$20 to \$35.

C. D. L.—Please tell me the leading points of interest about the Nicaragua canal?

We would not know where to begin in the limited space at command. Consult some of the magazine articles.

No Rebate.

Judge Smith has entered an order in the county court authorizing the comptroller to rebate to the property owners on West Main street their proportionate share of the difference in the estimate and the contract price of the improvement. The contract price is \$21,582.72 and the estimate was \$22,300. Comptroller Robbins says that it is likely that the sum of \$717.28 allowed for contingencies will entirely consume that small difference and there will be nothing to rebate.

Will Live at Calamus.

Henry Acker, the well known bricklayer leaves this morning for Calamus lake where he will live until spring. Acker is fond of hunting and fishing and out door life and during the winter when he can't work at his trade he takes to the woods. He has rented the Amman bungalow at the lake and will fish, hunt and trap until spring comes and the brick season opens up again.

New Commission House.

Spalding & Bode of Springfield, are making preparations for opening up a commission house in this city. Already they have received some goods and will begin to solicit orders in a few days. They have been in business in Springfield for several years and it is understood their business will still be conducted in that city.

Incorporated.

In the circuit court yesterday a copy of articles of incorporation of the Decatur Harrow Works was filed. The capital stock is \$12,000 and is held in equal shares by C. P. Thatcher, C. A. Wilson and Ole Oppen. The factory and office is at 1455 (the old shoe factory) on East Eldorado street.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

BOARD MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the Anna B. Millikin Home board this morning at the home of Mrs. I. A. Buckingham. All members are urged to be present.

STORE WILL CLOSE.

The Ottenheimer clothing store will be closed on Thursday afternoon on account of the funeral of H. Ottenheimer, father of the Ottenheimer Bros. His death occurred at Indianapolis on Sunday at the age of 88 years.

IROQUOIS ELECTION.

The Iroquois Club will hold their annual election of officers on February 1st. Jim Blythe is being boosted for president to succeed Will Conradt. There is not much of a contest for the other offices.

HIS LIP CUT.

Sam Miller, a carpenter in the Wash shops, living at 846 East Leafland avenue, was hit in the mouth with a crow bar on Monday afternoon and his lip split open.

IS OUT AGAIN.

Ed Keeler who fell down the steps of the Guard's Armory some time ago and broke his leg, is able to be out.

NO TROUBLE.

The snow did not make much trouble for the street car company. The big sweeper was put to work at 3 a. m. and by the time for the cars to start the tracks were clear.

GETTING ALONG ALL RIGHT.

Saturday a little child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ray pitched head foremost into a tub of scalding water and was badly burned about the head and shoulders. It was first thought that the injuries might prove fatal but Monday the little sufferer was doing quite well and is expected to make a complete recovery.

LAID UP FOR TWO WEEKS.

Frank Dorwin is suffering with an attack of blood poisoning and will be confined to his home for two weeks. The trouble started in a small scratch that was considered insignificant but it developed into blood poisoning and is now considered quite serious.

THEY ALL READ IT.

Bargain Column "Ad" Always Do the Business.

"Take that bargain column 'ad' out of your paper," said D. H. Hellman on Monday morning. "I could have sold a dozen desks before noon if I had had them." Late Saturday night Mr. Hellman placed a For Sale "ad" in the Herald for a roller top desk. Before he could get settled in the store on Monday morning he had sold the desk for the first price asked and could have sold it over twenty times during the day.

Smith E. Munson had his bicycle stolen about three weeks ago and placed a want "ad" in the Herald. Yesterday the wheel was brought back by a person who found it in an alley near the Central railroad between East Herkimer and Leafland avenues. The person had found the wheel some time ago but could not find the owner. At last he saw the want "ad" in the Herald and took the wheel around to Mr. Munson. The chain on the wheel had been broken, the saddle was torn and one of the tires punctured, but otherwise it was not injured.

Guardian Named.

In the county court yesterday Gus Booker was appointed guardian of Alvin Booker, the jockey. He is one of the heirs of his brother, Jockey Arthur Booker, who was killed by the fall of a horse in New York last fall. The fact too that the young man had no guardian made it difficult for him to get contracts as a jockey. There was no one legally authorized to sign for him and his contract in law was not valid.

Planning Social Events.

The Grocers' association are planning for a number of social events in the near future. The latest plan is for an elaborate ball. This will be held some time after the annual banquet, the details for which will be completed on next Wednesday night at their regular meeting. The idea of the grocer's ball has grown out of the big dances which the Association has held at their annual picnics.

Small Blaze.

There was an exciting little fire in the home of Mr. Morris over the Kinney grocery on North Water street Monday morning. The gasoline stove flared up and the occupants of the home were driven into the street. C. B. Kinney, the grocer, was the whole fire department and extinguished the flames with some potato sacks. The damage will be slight.

Gymnasium Social.

Physical Instructor Covington of the Y. M. C. A. is making preparations for a gymnasium social. The affair will be held in about three weeks and will be for the classes only. The program will be held in the gymnasium and the program will be along gymnasium lines. Refreshments will be served following the program.

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GOVERNOR YATES' MESSAGE.

Subjects of Which He Will Treat in Forthcoming Paper.

Governor Yates' forthcoming biennial message, is reported to be a most comprehensive state paper. Under ten distinct heads he treats exhaustively twenty-five different subjects. Under appropriate subheads these subjects categorically arranged are as follows:

This Session.

Capabilities and opportunities; alleged danger of corruption; alleged danger of partisan or factional obstruction.

General Recommendations.

A tribute to the late Governor John R. Tanner; amendment of primary law; a merit system, by statute; repair of state house; St. Louis World's fair; a new constitution; the Vicksburg commission.

The Safety of the People.

National Guard and naval militia; pardon board; penal institutions.

The Health of the People.

Health department; board of pharmacy; food commission; fish commission; live stock commission.

The Labor of the People.

The bureau of labor; convict labor question; inspection of factories and child labor; board of arbitration.

The Charities of the People.

The state board of charities; industrial home for the blind; asylum for "incurable" insane; home for delinquent boys; state care of epileptics; state care of consumptives.

The Education of the People.

The public schools; the state schools; the state university.

The Business of the People.

Railroad and warehouse commission; insurance department; Illinois and Michigan canal; board of agriculture and state fair; state finances and taxes; state officers—and their work; Appropriations for State Departments and institutions. Concerning additional messages.

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FEMALE TROUBLE.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 22.
My wife was seriously affected for two years and for six months preceding November last had been constantly under medical care, but never free from pain, which at times was so excruciating as to give her spasms. She has been treated by Dr. Howell for only one month and is now free from pain and gaining in every way. She has no more spasms. We are both highly pleased and heartily recommend Dr. Howell and his methods.

H. C. BOONE,
Electrician,
1059 St. Louis Ave.

RHEUMATISM.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 22.
To Whom It May Concern:
I have been doctoring with Dr. Howell three months. I was all run down, almost unable to work; had a hacking cough, no appetite, and pains all through me. I have received so much benefit that I am only too glad to give Dr. Howell this recommendation. My many friends see by my looks what the results are.

ALBERT SHIELDS,
1560 E. Wood St.

KIDNEY TROUBLE.

Dec. 20, 1902.
I have suffered greatly from rheumatism and tried many remedies. In November I had an attack of kidney trouble and lumbarago. I consulted Dr. Howell; he treated me and relieved me in a short time. I am steadily getting better, although now past 70 years of age. I have lived here since 1854.

Yours truly,
MICHAEL EICHINGER,
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BIO-CHEMIC TREATMENT.

The different tissues of the body are made up of minute cells, and when these cells become disarranged for the lack of proper nutriment disease is the result. By supplying the proper nutriment to the diseased cells perfect health can be obtained. All diseases, no matter how chronic, can be cured by bringing the cells back to their normal condition. The treatment used by Dr. Howell is not allopathic nor homeopathic. It is a treatment based upon an exact science and cures with the certainty of a fixed law.

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Do you suffer from DYSPEPSIA, loss of appetite, bloating in the stomach or any of the forms of catarrhal inflammation of the digestive organs?
Are you afflicted with CATARRH, the symptoms and consequences of which are too well known to be repeated?
Have you been warned of approaching CONSUMPTION?
Are you a sufferer from ASTHMA?
Do you suffer from RHEUMATISM, for which remedies and prescriptions have proved unavailing?
Do you suffer from an oppressed feeling, a choking or smothering sensation, irregular pulse, shortness of breath or FLUTTERING or PALPITATION of heart?
Do you suffer from KIDNEY trouble?
Have you pain in your back and have you been told that your malady will result in a SERIOUS, if not a FATAL DISEASE?
Do you suffer from LIVER complaint?
Are you continually MELANCHOLY, unhappy and miserable without any good reason why?
Do you suffer from NERVOUS trouble, which affect so many at this time, when cares are taken too heavily?



Dr. Howell's Record.

Dr. Howell comes from the Quaker City, Philadelphia, having been established there eleven years.
He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1884. His previous education was obtained at the University of New York. He holds degrees of M. D., Ph. D., B. S., and A. M. Member of various medical societies. Delegate to Pan-American Congress, City of Mexico.
Formerly visiting physician to Masonic Home, Odd Fellows' Home, Old Ladies' Home, Philadelphia. Formerly visiting physician to North Philadelphia Samaritan Hospitals, Philadelphia.

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THE DAY IN COURT

An Appeal in a Well Digging Case Will Be Heard by a Jury Today.

MCDONALD'S ODD QUESTION.

The Habeas Corpus Case—Leona Lane Givens Bond.

When circuit court adjourned Monday night the work of getting a jury in the case of John Welty et al. vs. George Sensenbaugh was completed. That proceedings occasioned more than one hearty laugh. The plaintiffs sued to recover on a contract for digging a well. The defendants say that there was an agreement that the well should furnish a sufficient quantity of water and that that part of the contract was not fulfilled. It seems that afterwards other contractors operated on the well and produced water.

In examining the defense created not a little amusement and finally got to that point where he could not ask the question without laughing himself. He wanted to know if the fact that after the effort of Welty had failed, and another man dug a well, using the same hole, but going only half way down, would that create a prejudice in the mind of the juror to such an extent that he would be in favor of giving the plaintiffs at least a portion of the contract price for their work?

That business of going half way down was what stuck with not a few of them, but McDonald could not explain beyond that point.

This case is an appeal. Before a jury in the court of Justice McCoy many months ago the plaintiffs secured a verdict for the full amount sued for.

Arguments Made.

In the habeas corpus case for the possession of Nellie Prather, the arguments were concluded on Monday afternoon but Judge Cochran did not give his decision, saying that would be done on Thursday.

Gave Bail.

Jessie Leona Lane alias Workman, under indictment for bigamy, and having been in the county jail for several weeks, made application yesterday to have her bail bond reduced and that was allowed. The bond was fixed at \$300 and was furnished in open court. The girl's father lives at or near Moweaqua.

The orders entered on the dockets yesterday were as follows:

Chancery.

Daniel S. Weigel vs. John T. Weigel et al; partition. Master's report of sale. Mary E. Leforgee vs. Mary E. Walsh et al, foreclosure. Master's report of sale.

PERSONALS.

Miss Bertha Randall returned to Champaign on Monday morning. Miss A. Marie Macpherson returned Sunday night from a visit in Chicago. Hanson Andrews and Perley Reason of Cicero were in town yesterday.

Miss Mary Eldred of Ormstead, O., is the guest of M. F. Howard and family. Marie Davenport and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson spent Sunday in Springfield.

Miss Ella Feulner of Springfield is visiting in Decatur the guest of Mrs. Frank Denton.

Mrs. A. E. Hughes left for Chicago Monday after visiting friends in this city for some time.

Mrs. Deewester of Petersburg is visiting in Decatur with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Denton.

Miss Bees Beckett of Blue Mound was in the city yesterday on her way to Illinois university.

D. L. Gage and Miss Hattie Gage left yesterday for St. Augustine, Fla., where they will spend the winter.

Miss Etta Wellman of Peoria visited Mrs. Burrows and daughter of West Macon street over Sunday.

J. N. Simburg and Howard Montague are in the city the guests of T. A. Cassell, of 905 East North street.

Frank Webb, traveling agent for the Home Manufacturing company will start out on the Illinois territory Monday.

Charles Burke of Ivesdale, Ill., was in the city yesterday on his way to St. Louis, where he is attending the Christian Brothers' school.

Miss Minnie Topel and sister of St. Louis have returned home after spending the holidays with W. J. Evans of 393 West Wood street.

Dr. William Pfeiffer who has been visiting Miss Cora Barton has returned to St. Louis. Dr. Pfeiffer recently returned from a three years' campaign in the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farria, Mrs. E. P. Irving and Isaac Harkrader and daughter Ona Harkrader, left yesterday for Mexico where they will travel for about thirty days.

Mrs. Henry Steinmetz and son Peter Steinmetz, Jr., returned yesterday to their home in Pekin after a visit in Decatur with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Ehrhart.

Pupils Return.

Miss Emma Bone who has been home to visit with her parents during the holidays left yesterday for Boston to resume her studies.

Among the pupils who returned to Champaign after spending the holidays in Decatur with relatives were Miss Alice Baker, Walter Smock, and Roy Blackburn.

Miss Alice Mills left yesterday for Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to resume her studies at Vassar.

COAL CARS PLENTIFUL

The Sunday Move—December Earnings—General Local News.

The situation so far as it relates to coal cars on the Wabash is much improved. Yesterday the statement was made that there were on hand enough cars for a two days' output—over 600.

There are several causes to which this welcome relief is attributed. Many Wabash coal cars which went south and west some time ago loaded with rails for the new roads in the far southwest and cars loaded for Missouri points with iron ore, are coming home. Then the C. & N. W. is just now receiving many new cars which are being hurried to the Consolidated mines at Staunton and Mt. Olive for Chicago loading. Another thing. The colder the weather the greater the rush to get the cars unloaded and the fuel to the consumer. All of these causes combined have greatly relieved the situation.

Wabash Earnings.

The Wabash earnings for the last ten days of December amounted to \$512,770.68; increase, \$15,964.49; fiscal year to December 31, \$10,846,588.53; increase \$907,967.73.

The Sunday Move.

Sunday the middle division of the Wabash made the usual effort to clean up and move 2,250 cars, of which 1,975 were loads.

Messrs. John Lang of Moberly and Frank Howard of Toledo, the heads of the Wabash car department of the western and eastern divisions respectively were in Decatur yesterday for a business visit.

Engineers Nichols and Roberts, who have been handling the Wabash yard engines have been assigned to road service. During the cold and trying conditions of the weather the engineers cannot stay on their machines as long as they do under more favorable conditions and at present there are not sufficient engineers on the extra board. The company, however, has old and experienced yard engineers and firemen from whom to draw to meet the demand.

Firemen Ben Baird and Ed Brinkman are handling Wabash yard engines.

Engineer Boosinger has returned from Bement and is working in the Decatur yards.

Conductor Tom Meredith of the east local is under the weather and taking a short vacation.

Engineer Henry Diervo who has been ill for several days has resumed work.

Engineers H. S. Smith and Tom Walsh have gone to Forrest to work for a few days.

Firemen Ben Steadman and A. E. Schadow of the Wabash are ill and temporarily out of service.

Engineer Stiffey of the local is ill.

J. N. Edwards engineer in the Wabash passenger service is ill.

Engineer Andy Johann has reported for service after an illness of several days.

Conductor Sowash who has been visiting relatives in Missouri has returned home and resumed his place on the road.

Conductor D. E. Bump has resumed his place on the road after a brief vacation.

Conductors J. W. Keyes, Roy Williams and Wm. Hudson of the Chicago division have all resumed work after being off for a few days attending investigations.

M. Keith has quit the Wabash yard service.

T. W. Farrel and P. E. Alley are new switchmen in the service of the Wabash.

Louis Rogers has resigned his position as night caller of train crews and has been succeeded by Charles Allen. Francis Hott is the extra caller.

Foreman John Curran of the west yard engine has resumed work after an illness of several days.

Trainmaster C. E. Taylor of the Illinois Central was here yesterday from Clinton.

Fred Wiley of the Illinois Central telegraph office was the victim of a hemorrhage of the lungs on Sunday and was compelled to surrender his place at the key. He was reported to be slightly improved yesterday.

Brakeman J. E. Gavett of the Wabash has resigned his position.

Conductor J. Morgan is on caboose 312 while Conductor A. Corpany is taking a short vacation.

Conductor Charles Conklin will today resume his position in the Wabash passenger service. He has just returned after a three weeks' visit on the southern Pacific coast.

R. C. Fleming, district passenger agent of the Wabash at Springfield was in Decatur yesterday.

Engineer John Rodens of the Wabash passenger service has resumed work after a vacation of several days.

Wabash engine 812, P. C. Gray, engineer, is just out of the shops and today engine 832 will go to Springfield for a general overhauling.

Mrs. E. L. Landis and son Edward have returned from Burlington, Ia.

A Story Worth Telling

We never tire of telling the story of **Uneeda Biscuit**. We do not believe that lovers of good, wholesome food ever tire reading it.

Uneeda Biscuit are the result of two ideas. That soda crackers could be made better than they had ever been made before. That it was possible to convey them to the home fresh, crisp and clean.

The importance of the soda cracker as an article of daily consumption, made this worthy of extraordinary effort. True, many people laughed at the idea of so much thought—time—labor—capital, being devoted to a soda cracker. But the greatest industries of the greatest country in the world have been developed from smaller things than a soda cracker, and so it seemed worth while to make the best soda cracker that could be made and to place it on the table as good as it had been made.

To do the first required the selection of the best materials, of the best equipment, the highest skill. To do the second upset all traditions. The oldest bakers said there was no way to keep a soda cracker good.

NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

That no one expected it any way. That people were satisfied to eat them stale, as they had been in the habit of doing. And so it fell to the lot of younger minds to do this unheard of thing—to keep a soda cracker good until eaten.

The result was the creation of the In-cr-seal Package with red and white seal. An invention that kept out the air, moisture, dust germs, that first retained the natural flavor of the biscuit, keeping it crisp and fresh until it reached the table, and so **Uneeda Biscuit** became a reality. The little thing that seemed hardly worth while became a great thing that seemed hardly possible.

To-day over 300,000,000 packages have been consumed by the thoughtful people of this country and the demand is ever increasing.

That is the story of **Uneeda Biscuit**. Some day we will tell it over again for the benefit of those who are still "satisfied" with the stale and broken crackers that come in a paper bag, when they can get **Uneeda Biscuit** whole, fresh, and clean.

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FALSE TEETH.

Were Found in a Street Car On Sunday—Responsibility Disclaimed.

Sunday in a main line street car the conductor found five false teeth on a single plate. They are at the transfer house awaiting an owner.

The street car management wants it understood that responsibility for the loss is disclaimed by the company. If it had been in the days when the track was as rough as a corduroy road perhaps there would have been an admission that the jolting sustained by the victim was responsible for the loss. But with the best street car tracks in the state and on the best part of the line, responsibility is disclaimed.

MEETINGS.

I. O. O. F. Regular meeting of Decatur lodge No. 65 at 7:30 Tuesday evening.

Stated convocation Macon Chapter No. 27, Royal Arch Mason this (Tuesday) evening at 7:30 o'clock for the transaction of business and the installation of officers.

A special meeting of Bay Leaf camp No. 29 R. N. of A., will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the K. of P. hall for balloting on applications and for general business.

Prof. Mosier Here.

Prof. J. G. Mosier and wife of Urbana spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Scurluck and other friends of this city.

Prof. Mosier is connected with the department of soil physics in the University of Illinois and is now preparing a bulletin on the climate of this state running back to the time when written records began to be taken, which may be of interest to many in this city and throughout the state.

Bursting Pipes Prevent School.

St. Theresa's Academy did not open on Monday morning on account of a break in the steam heating apparatus. There had been no heat in the school during vacation and when the boilers were fired up on Monday morning the contraction was too much for the frozen pipes and they burst.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles R. Clifton, Maroa19
Jannette Farron, Maroa20
Wm. A. Brownlee, Decatur23
Cora E. Nanna, Decatur22

No chance for disappointment if you serve Mrs. Austin's famous Pancakes. All grocers sell it.

For the real, good old Buckwheat flavor, buy Mrs. Austin's Buckwheat and don't forget the name.

Mrs. Austin's Buckwheat has a world wide reputation on account of its purity and genuine Buckwheat flavor. Don't forget the name.

If you like Mrs. Austin's famous Pancake flour, won't you kindly tell your friends how delicious it is.

SCHOOL RE-OPENED MONDAY

All The Teachers but Two Were Present—Class Debate.

School opened Monday morning in all the schools of the city. All the teachers but two were present. Miss Nanna Beamer of the second grade at Sangamon was absent on account of sickness. Miss Hattie Moore was sent in her place. Miss Della Eaton of the 4th grade at Jasper was out. Her room was closed for the day. At the high school all were present.

Observer Files.

The High School Observer will hereafter be made to be a keeper of the history of the school. Since the board of education has decided to bind the volumes the pupils have taken more interest in their preservation. As a result the volumes will be placed in the school library and the reading matter will contain more history of the time than heretofore. The nine numbers of each year will be bound together.

English "Lit."

Professor Smith's 4th year English classes Monday began the study of "Chaucer's Canterbury Tales." The pupils like the book better than any other one read this year.

Class Debate.

There was a debate between the girls and boys of the second hour American history class Monday. The question was Resolved, "That the Capture of Philadelphia by the British army was unjustifiable from a military point of view." The girls were represented by Pearl Garrett and Myrtle Hatfield, and the boys by Guy Harrison and John Evans. The boys won by the vote of the class and the girls by the judges' decision.

Class Pins.

The seniors will have a class meeting Wednesday to choose class pins. The committee of class pins has secured several designs which will be submitted.

Prize Essays.

A great deal of interest is centered in the prize essay contest offered by the D. A. R. for the best essay on Illinois until 1818. Several are writing for it. The prize is five dollars for the best essay.

Births.

Williams.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Williams, 1836 East North street, Sunday January 4th, a daughter.

Finds Way to Live Long.

The startling announcement of a discovery that will surely lengthen life is made by Editor O. H. Downey, of Churubusco, Ind. "I wish to state," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is the most infallible remedy that I have ever known for coughs, colds and grip. It's invaluable to people with weak lungs. Having this wonderful medicine no one need dread pneumonia or consumption. Its relief is instant and cure certain." At the drug stores of John E. King, McNier & Horrell and N. L. Krone guarantee every 50c and \$1.00 bottle and gives trial bottles for 10 cents.

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If you condense the last ten years into paragraphs describing woman's progress, one of these would be "Queen Quality Shoes."

They are worn today by thousands of women who find in them the exact duplicate of a custom built shoe,—the same materials, fit and style, only at less cost. The best expert cannot tell the difference. To all appearances it is a custom shoe to ordered measurements.

"Queen Quality" will retain its shape longer than any ready-made shoe at any price. It is worth \$10 a pair if you value an absolutely faultless fit. Your foot will look smaller in it, because of its correct shape, and many women wear it on that account alone. Try it once.

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We take stock January 31st., and during the next four weeks we must reduce our merchandise twenty thousand dollars, and have reduced the price on all surplus stock.

Silks Reduced

51 Foulard dress silk patterns reduced to 75c a yard.
51 black silk brocades and spots reduced to 75c a yard.
51 satin Duchess Silks, all colors, reduced to 65c a yard.
75c Tinsel Brocade Silks for fronts and vests, reduced to 25c yd.
\$1.25 and \$1.50 fancy Silks, including late fall purchases, reduced to 85c per yard.
51 fancy Silks, over fifty pieces to select from, reduced to 65c a yard.
Remnants of Silks, Plushes, Velvets and Velvetines, reduced to half price.

Black Dress Goods Reduced

One lot of 35-inch Serges reduced to 25c per yard.
One lot of 40 and 45-inch Black Brocades, 60c quality, reduced to 30c a yard.
51 all wool Canvas, 54 inches wide, reduced to 65c a yard.
51 40-inch Mohair Brocades reduced to 65c a yard.
51 Black Armures, 44 inches wide, reduced to 65c a yard.
51 Black Soliel, 44 inches wide, reduced to 65c a yard.
51.50 Black Lusterine Brocades reduced to \$1.10 a yard.
\$1.25 and \$1.50 Novelty Dress Patterns, all black, reduced to \$1.50 each.

Colored Dress Goods Reduced

37 pieces of Jacquards, Tweeds, Cashmeres, Serges and Mixtures, reduced to 15 cents per yd.
50 cent all wool Venetians, Melrose and Armures reduced to 35 cents per yd.
50 cent Homespun Camels Hair Mixtures in choice colors reduced to 30 cents per yd.
\$1.00 Prunelles, Soliels, Armures and Canvas, reduced to 65 cents a yd.
\$1.25 Viceroy and Covert Suitings, reduced to 75 cents per yd.
\$1.50 Fancy Dress Patterns, reduced to \$5.00.
\$1.20 Fancy Dress Patterns, reduced to \$7.50.
\$1.50 Fancy Dress Patterns, reduced to \$8.50.

Heavy Suitings and Skirtings Reduced

75 cent Rainy Day Suitings, 56 inches wide, reduced to 50 cents a yd.
\$1.00 all wool Plaid Skirting 48 inches wide, reduced to 65 cents a yd.
\$1.00 Snow Flake suitings 60 inches wide reduced to 60 cents a yd.
\$1.00 50 inch Basket Weave Suiting, reduced to 60 cents a yd.
\$1.25 Zebraing Suiting 62 inches wide in Castor, Myrtle and Tan reduced to 39 cents a yd.
\$1.25 Pebble Suitings 52 inches wide in castor and Myrtle reduced to 39 cents a yd.
\$1.50 Fine Tweed Suitings reduced to \$1.19 a yd.
\$1.50 Fancy Check Suitings reduced to \$1.15 a yd.
\$1.50 Golf Suitings in Castor, tan and brown reduced to \$1.12 1-2.
\$9.50 and \$10 Heavy Skirt Patterns reduced to \$6.95.

Linings Reduced

35 cent Skirting Velour reduced to 25 cents a yd.
25 cent Shrunken Canvas reduced to 15 cents a yd.
10 cent Crinoline reduced to 5 cents a yd.
15 cent Cotton Hair Cloth reduced to 5 cents a yd.
50 cent Grey Wool Moresen reduced to 30 cents a yd.
50 cent Quilted Satin Lining reduced to 30 cents a yd.

Printed Flannels Reduced

75 cent Finest Printed Flannels reduced to 50 cents a yd.
90 cent Printed French Challies reduced to 65 cents a yd.
25 cent Fancy Waistings reduced to 19 cents a yd.

Millinery Reduced

\$5.00 Trimmed Hats reduced to \$2.50 each.
\$10.00 Trimmed Hats reduced to \$5.00 each.
\$2.00 Silk Hats for children reduced to 95 cents each.
\$1.00 Wool Tams, all colors, reduced to 50 cents each.

January Stock Reduction of Blankets and Bedding

Your choice of 75 cent grey, white and tan 10-4 Blankets, reduced to 48 cents per pair.
11-4 blankets that sold for 85 cents a pair reduced to 75 cents per pair.
11-4 extra heavy \$1.25 blankets at 98 cents per pair.
11-4 Wool Blankets, regular price \$3.50 a pair, reduced to \$2.98 per pair.
11-4 fine carded wool Blankets, regular value \$4.50, reduced to \$3.75 per pair.
\$5.50 and \$7.00 all wool Blankets reduced to \$4.98 a pair.
20 dozen of home made Comforts extra fine and heavy, reduced to 98 cents each.
One case extra large 2 1-2x2 1-4 bed spreads made with the new pearl hem, Marseilles patterns, a \$1.50 spread reduced to 98 cents.

Great Stock Reduction sale of Sheets and Pillow Cases. Nicely made hand turned hems and made of celebrated cottons to reduce the stock. We will sell them at these low prices.
8-4-72x90 Bleached soft finished 58 cent Sheets reduced to 48 cents.
9-4-81x90 Bleached Sheets, hand turned hems, the 65 cent value, reduced to 55 cents.
10-4-90x90 hand turned hemmed Sheets, always sold at 70 cents reduced to 58 cents each.
25 doz. 42x36 Pillow Slips, made of Lonsdale Muslin, regular price 12 1-2 cents reduced to 10 cents each.
25 dozen 81x90 hemstitched Sheets, the new spoke stitch, regular price 85 cents, reduced to 75 cents each.
42x36 Pillow Slips, with the new spoke stitch, regular price 18 cents, reduced to 15 cents each.

Stock Reduction of Outing Flannels and Flannelettes

The entire lot of 7-cent Outings reduced to 5 cents a yd.
10 cent Outing, light and dark shades, reduced to 7 cents.
12 1-2 cent Outings, plain or fancy, reduced to 8 1-3 cents a yd.
18 and 20 cent fancy double fleece flannelettes, beautiful styles, reduced to 15 cents a yd.
3 cases of 10 cent Flannelettes in the very latest fancy designs, a beautiful cloth, reduced to 7 1-2 cents.

January Reduction Sale of Muslins and Sheetings

One bale yard width of unbleached muslin reduced to 4 1-2 cents a yard.
One case of soft finish bleached Muslin reduced to 4 1-2 cents a yard.
One case of 7 1-2 cent bleached Muslin reduced to 6 cents a yd.
One case of 81x90 unbleached sheeting, a very fine quality, regular price 18 cents reduced to 14 1-2 cents a yd.

8-4 81-90 Bleached Sheeting the 20 cent quality, reduced to 16 1-2 cents.
42 inch bleached Pillow Caseing at 10 1-2 cents a yd.

January Sale of Fine White Waists

Gold and fancy waistings, the stock is now complete and the very choicest weaves at the most popular prices.

Great Sale of Manufactures Samples of Table Linens

The first shipment of manufacturer's samples of fine table linens direct from our contract agents on sale this week. This lot consists of the very choicest line of patterns obtainable at 1-3 less than regular prices.

January Sale of Fine Linen Towels

50 dozen Huck Towels, size 16x32. Fancy border 7 1-2 cents each.
25 dozen 20x40 linen Huck Towels, fancy borders, the largest and best towel on the market for the money at 8 1-3 cents each.
18x36 all linen Huck Towels, a regular 25 cent Towel for 17 cents.
Extra special 10 dozen 20x40 fine all linen Damask Towels, the newest designs for the season, hand hemstitched, plain Damask floral center 25 cents each.
Your choice of all our 75 cent linen Damask Hemstitched or fringed towels at 50 cents each.
25 dozen fine double damask Hemstitched towels, a regular 60 cent towel reduced to 35 cents each.
One lot 18x36 Cream Turkish Towels, the 12 1-2 cent grade for 10 cents each.
30 dozen 20x45 Turkish Towels, an elegant 18 cent grade at 12 1-2 cents each.

January Sale of Table Linens, Napkins and White Goods

72 inch all linen damask at 48 cents a yard.
72 inch all linen double Damask at 70 cents a yard.
Napkins to match the above linen \$2.25 a dozen.
72 inch regular \$1.25 Damask, fine spun borders, special price 98 cents yard.
72 inch Cream Damask, fine floral designs at 39 cents yd.
66 inch all linen cream Scotch Damask, an elegant quality at 58 cents yard.
Extra heavy fine double Damask cream table linen at 48 cents yd.
One lot Turkey red Damask, fast colors at 25 cents yd.
75 dozen extra heavy double Damask Napkins, beautiful designs at \$1.58 dozen.
One lot odd Napkins, 1-2 doz. in a package, from 75 cents to \$3 dozen.
25 dozen extra fine Irish linen, double Damask Napkins, sale price \$1.75 dozen.
10 dozen only, fine Belgium linen napkins, full dinner size at \$2.48 dozen.
A large variety, fine all linen set at from \$1.98 to \$10.00 per set.

Eiderdown Sacques and Robes

Women's Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, three-quarter wool in all colors, made with tight fitting back and loose front, closed with silk frog, sailor collar, trimmed with fancy braid, front sleeves and skirt finished with crocheted edge, regularly 75 cents—now—50 cents.
Women's Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, all wool in gray, pink, blue or red, tight fitting back and ripple skirt, full front, fastened with frogs, collar, sleeves, front and skirt bound with black satin, regularly \$1 now 85 cents.

Women's Ripple Eiderdown Robes, all wool in gray, pink or blue, tight fitting back, loose front, sailor collar, bell sleeves, collar and sleeves bound with satin, girle at waist, \$3.25.
\$1.00 Flannelette Wrappers, 65 cents. Stripes and trimmed with braid. The skirt is made with a deep flounce.

Steamer Rugs at \$4.50, a regular \$10.00 pure wool Rug, solid colors on one side, Scotch Plaids on the other, full size, makes a nice carriage robe.

SENSATIONAL PRICES ON WOMEN'S WEAR. THE DEEPEST PRICE CUT EVER KNOWN IN COATS, SUITS, DRESSES, SKIRTS, WAISTS, GENERAL MID-WINTER CLEARANCE OF ALL OUR DRESSES, SKIRTS AND OTHER GARMENTS AT PRICES THAT ARE 1-2 TO 1-3 FORMER PRICES. This undoubtedly will be the sale of the season, one that no woman can afford to miss.

Coats

Double Breasted Black Kersey Coats, silk finished remain lining, velvet collars, regular price \$6 at \$3.50.
Black, Castor and Oxford Kersey Coats. Satin finished remain lining. Finished with rows of stitching. 39 kinds at \$5.00.
Black and Castor Kersey Monte Carlos, 27 inches long, satin lined, ripple back, box front, shoulder cape, regular \$13.50 kinds at \$7.50.
Tan and Castor Kersey Coats. Satin lined, high storm collar and revers of beaver fur. Regular price \$16.50. Our price \$8.75.
Collarless Monte Carlo Coats. Montagnac cloth, trimmed with stitched broadcloth bands and tabs. Revers and collar effects of braid, velvet and cloth. Satin lined \$18.50 values at \$10.00.
\$10.00 each for \$18.50 and \$20.00 Kersey Cloth Ulsters, some full length, others reach below the knees. Some full lined with satin, others lined to the waist.
\$12.50 for \$22.50 and \$25.00 Kersey Cloth Ulsters, many with full collars and revers, double breasted, satin lined throughout. Black, castor and Oxford.

Women's tailor made dresses. \$8.75 for \$12.50 and \$15.00 dresses, strictly tailor made, fine all wool serges and Broadcloth, a splendid line of colors, fitted without charge.

Walking Skirts. 50 on one table \$3.75, worth up to \$7 each.

New Prices on Fine Furs

Such of the fine furs as have not been sold, change their price for this sale 1-3 and 1-2 less.
No. 2 Electric Seal Coats, best satin linings, \$25.00, reduced from \$40.00.
No. 1 best quality Electric Seal Coats, \$35.00 reduced from \$48 and \$50.
Persian Lamb Coats, \$70.00 reduced from \$100.00.
No. 1 Electric Seal Capes, genuine black martin collar, fronts edged with martin, very best satin linings, \$17.50, reduced from \$35.00.
Black Astrachan Capes 27 and 30 inches long, satin lining \$5.00, reduced from \$10.00 and \$12.50. Just a few.

Scarfs, Boas and Muffs

Some of the finest pieces are here yet, one third and one half off.
Sable Fox short Boas at \$6.50, reduced from \$9.00.
Sable Fox Boas, long at \$12.00, reduced from \$20.00.
Black Martin Cluster Scarfs at \$5.00, reduced from \$7.95.
Black Martin Muffs at \$6.75, reduced from \$10.00.
Sable Opossum Collarettes with boas at \$3.95, reduced from \$7.
Electric Seal Collarettes at \$3.95, reduced from \$7.95.

LATEST MARKET NEWS

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Jan. 5—Wheat—No. 2 red, 73 to 75; No. 3 red, 67 to 75; No. 2 hard, 71 to 73; No. 3 hard, 66 to 72; January 71 to 71 3-8.

Corn—No. 2 and No. 2 white, No. 2 yellow, 45 1-2 to 46; No. 3, 41 to 41 1-2; No. 3 yellow, and No. 43 to 43 1-2; January 45 5-8.

Oats—No. 2, 32 to 32 1-2; No. 2 white, 34 to 35; No. 3 white, 32 to 33; No. 4 white, 31 to 32 1-2; standard 33 to 34; January 32 1-8.

Fluctuations.
Wheat—May opened 75 7-8 to 75 1-8; highest 75 1-4 to 3-8; lowest 74 3-4; closed 75 1-4 to 3-8.

Corn—May opened 42 3-4 to 43; highest 43 3-8; lowest 42 3-4; closed 43 1-4.

Oats—May opened 32 3-8 to 33 1-2; highest 34 1-8; lowest 32 3-8; closing 34 to 34 1-8.

Other Grains.
Rye—May 51.
Barley—Cash 40 to 53.
Flax—\$1.14 to \$1.21.
Timothy—\$1.25.
Clover—\$1.11.

Provisions.
Pork—Jan. \$17.20; May \$15.95.
Lard—Jan. \$9.80; May \$9.20.
Ribs—Jan. \$8.35; May \$8.57.

Receipts and Shipments.
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Wheat 98,000 11,000
Flour 25,000 11,000
Corn 439,000 153,000
Oats 405,000 97,000

Chicago Produce.
Butter—Quiet, creameries, 18 to 28; dairies, 17 to 25.
Eggs, quiet, 25.
Poultry—Easier. Turkeys 15 to 17; chickens, 8 to 12 to 12 1-2.

Grain at Peoria.
Peoria, Jan. 5—Corn—Lower; No. 3, 39 1-2.
Oats—Steady; No. 3, white 32.

St. Louis Live Stock.
St. Louis, Jan. 5—Cattle—Receipts 4000, market steady. Beef steers \$4.45 to \$5.50; strictly fancy \$6.50; stockers and feeders \$2.50 to \$4.10; cows and heifers \$2.25 to \$5.25; Texas steers \$2.75 to \$4.30.
Hogs—Receipts 7000. 5 to 10 lower. Range \$5.15 to \$6.55.

Grain at St. Louis.
St. Louis, Jan. 5—Wheat—Cash, 71 7-8; May 74 7-8.
Corn—Cash 39 3-4; May 39 7-8.
Oats—Cash 33 1-2; May 34 to 34 1-8.

Wheat at Minneapolis.
Minneapolis, Jan. 5—Wheat—May 74 1-8; July 74 3-8. On track, No. 1 hard 73 3-4; No. 1 northern 73 1-4; No. 2 northern 71 3-4.

Grain at Liverpool.
Liverpool, Jan. 5—Wheat—Spot, firm, No. 2 red western winter 5s, 11 1/2d. Corn—Spot steady, American mixed, new, 4s, 11 3-4; same for old.

New York Stock Market.
New York, Jan. 5—Wheat—Receipts 107,000; exports 63,000. Spot dull. No. 2 red 73 7-8 elevator; No. 2 red 73 5-8 f. o. b. and afloat. Options closed firm at partial 1-4 net advance. May 79 3-8.

Corn—Receipts 56,000; exports 61,000. Spot easy; No. 2, 68 elevator and 55 f. o. b. and afloat; No. 2 yellow, No. 2 white 56. Options closed firm at 3-8 to 1-2 net advance. January 54 1-2. May 48 1-4.

Oats—Receipts 65,000, exports 22,000, spot dull; No. 2 38 1-2; standard white 40 3-4; No. 2 white 41; track white 40 to 44. Options ruled fairly active and firmer with corn.

Chicago Live Stock.
Cattle—Receipts 26,000. Choice steady, others lower; good to prime \$5.40 to \$6.40; poor to medium \$2.75 to \$4.50; stockers \$2 to \$4.40; cows \$1.50 to \$4.60; Texans \$2.75 to \$5.
Hogs—Receipts 38,000; market steady; mixed butchers, \$5.00 to \$6.30; good to choice, heavy \$6.40 to \$6.60; rough heavy \$6.10 to \$6.35; light \$5.70 to \$6.05; bulk sales \$5.15 to \$6.30.
Sheep—Receipts 30,000. Market lower; sheep \$3.25 to \$5.00; lambs \$4 to \$5.00.

NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

Bement.

School began Monday after a seven days' vacation.
Miss Anna V. Pettit of Chicago is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Pettit.
W. A. Markwell is visiting relatives in St. Louis.
G. L. Gulliford of Bloomington is visiting relatives in Bement.

The "Little Red Box" at S. E. Bodman's was opened Saturday, the first key to unlock the box was in the possession of William Fairbanks, who received ten dollars as a reward, two more of the keys unlocked the box. The second prize is six dollars and the third four dollars.

Miss Mayme Bower of Tolono is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. R. McNair.

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1902, a son. Noble Vance of Chicago visited his parents Christmas day.

Miss Effie Potter of Marion county is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lamb.

Walter Smetters and family of Chicago visited his mother last week.

Miss Fay Deakin of St. Louis visited her parents last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dulin of Oklahoma are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foster.

Mrs. Charles McNamee and children were Decatur visitors last week.

Mrs. Emma Peck visited relatives in Cerro Gordo last week.

Rev. J. A. Burke visited relatives in Fairmount from Wednesday to Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grant of Champaign visited relatives in Bement last week.

A. W. Ringland of Chicago was the guest of Fred Camp last week.

I. W. Scott is in Arcola taking care of A. A. Zoggs, who is still confined to his bed, but is slightly improved.

Mrs. L. C. Walls and daughter, Treasa, left Wednesday for Robison and other points to visit relatives.

Mrs. M. O. Curry and daughter were guests of Mrs. H. F. Ward and family in Decatur last week.

The Rocking Chair club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Slick Wednesday evening to watch the old year out.

All the teachers from Bement and vicinity were in attendance at the State Teachers' meeting, and report a good meeting.

Evangelist W. H. Bowles and daughter will commence a series of meetings on each box, 35c.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

V. H. Corn, Palmer 52
Almyra English, Taylorville 28

Manford Boarden, Edinburg 23
Dorothy Younker, Breckenridge 22

James Moore, Mt. Zion 23
Fannie Jones, Sangamon 22

Haselmer Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, installed its newly elected officers Friday evening. Miss S. Mamie Brooks was installing officer.

The Phoenix club, a social organization, comprising the business men of Taylorville, was organized Friday evening.

The Edmonds family, which was injured some time ago by being thrown from a wagon in a collision with a Wash engine, settled with the Wash company for \$1,000.

Nona Belle Andricks of Shelbyville has filed suit in the circuit court, testing the will of her great grandfather, the late Z. R. Piper, of Assumption.

Joseph Pounds of Clarksdale died Monday at his home. The deceased was 76 years of age and one of Christian county's pioneers.

Thomas Harrison died Sunday at the residence of his son-in-law, Charles Lewis. The deceased was 72 years of age.

J. B. Abrams has been chosen president of the Illinois Fraternal league.

The jury in the case of John Watkins against the Illinois Central gave the plaintiff \$150.

Taylorville.

Messrs. H. E. Shaw and A. I. Wilkinson entertained about twenty of their gentlemen and lady friends at their rooms Christmas night. The evening was spent in games and refreshments were served. This was their first reception since moving into their new bachelor quarters.

Messrs. W. W. Body, F. R. Smith and J. O. Evans entertained twenty of their gentlemen and lady friends at their bachelor quarters in the Body block Wednesday evening. Games, vocal and instrumental music occupied the time until the dawning of the New Year.

Refreshments, consisting of strawberries, ice cream cake and coffee were served. The guests departed, assuring the hosts they had greatly enjoyed the hospitality of their comfortable quarters.

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Some of the finest pieces are here yet, one third and one half off.

Sable Fox short Boas at \$6.50, reduced from \$9.00.

Sable Fox Boas, long at \$12.00, reduced from \$20.00.

Black Martin Cluster Scarfs at \$5.00, reduced from \$7.95.

Black Martin Muffs at \$6.75, reduced from \$10.00.

Sable Opossum Collarettes with boas at \$3.95, reduced from \$7.

Electric Seal Collarettes at \$3.95, reduced from \$7.95.

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One-fifth OFF Tuesday, Jan. 6th

20 Per Cent Discount
from the Low Prices

We commenced a Special Discount Sale of our entirely new and up-to-the-minute stock of MEN'S, YOUNG MEN'S and BOYS' Suits and Overcoats. We are determined to clear our stock to the Last Garment.



Clothing talk don't create clothing value. Anybody can claim greatness, but how few possess it when it comes to final show-down. No other store in the State of Illinois can equal the values we provide. You have the advantage here of making selections from a stock that's new from the best makers of ready-to-wear clothes in the United States.

All Marked in plain selling figures. We Allow 20 per cent Discount

The reason of this sale is that we want to close out all of our Winter goods--get the money and make room for Spring stock. That's all there is of it.

OUR MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS ARE THE BEST.

\$ 8.50 Ones, 20 per cent.....	\$ 6.80	\$16.50 Ones, 20 per cent.....	\$13.20	\$28.00 Ones, 20 per cent.....	\$22.40
10.00 " " "	8.00	18.00 " " "	14.40	\$30.00 Overcoats.....	\$24.00
12.00 " " "	9.60	20.00 " " "	16.00	32.00 "	25.60
13.50 " " "	10.80	22.00 " " "	17.60	35.00 "	28.00
15.00 " " "	12.00	25.00 " " "	20.00		



Our Men's Suits Got the new Shapley shoulders, retaining shape fronts and equalled by few tailors as to fit and make.
Our Overcoats are cut all the new prevailing styles, Broad Expanded Shoulders, and are as near perfection as can be.
Our Boys' Department. All brand new goods. The same sacrifice, 20 per cent off the low marked price.
Pants Department. All new, very stylish designs in worsteds and cassimeres. Finely tailored. 20 per cent off the marked price.
Men's Underwear. 20 per cent reduction on all Winter Underwear. Stock complete.

CLOTHING

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DECATUR, ILLS.

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North Water St.

NEW YORK'S WAY

Of Dealing With the Convict Labor Question Impresses Illinois Legislator.

THE GAME LAW IS VIOLATED.

Birds Shipped From Carbondale in Coffin As Corpse.

Galesburg, Ill., Jan. 5.—Representative E. M. Chaperd of this district has just returned from New York state, where he has been studying the penitentiary labor problem prior to introducing a bill in the state legislature. He says:

"Apparently New York has very amply solved the prison labor question. The system there in vogue is what has been termed 'state use,' that is the state does not lease its convicts, nor does it contract their labor. Instead, so far as possible, it supplies articles which are used and consumed by the state and its different political divisions. For the state institutions, blankets, shoes, clothing, underwear and other institutional necessities. These are furnished directly from the penitentiary, and, of course, constitute but a very small percent of the entire supplies required by the institutions, and their influence is not perceptibly felt by any line of industry, and certainly not injuriously."

"In these prisons, so far as possible, in the manufacture of a given article they start in with the raw material. Thus in the manufacture of clothing for the various institutions they commence with the wool or the cotton, so as to put in the finished product all the labor possible. Consequently nearly the whole cost of the article represents the useful employment of the energy and labor of the convicts."

"In reply to those who may urge expense, let me say that New York's equipment, in addition to the machinery already in the prisons, cost not to exceed \$65,000. Our prisons are now much better equipped than were those of New York at the time the change was made."

QUAIL SHIPPED IN COFFINS.

Novel Way of Evading Law at Carbondale.

Carbondale, Jan. 5.—Quail are being shipped from Franklin county to St. Louis in coffins to escape the game laws, according to the confession of Noah Moore, who was arrested for violation of the game law.

Moore says 1200 quail were packed in a coffin and shipped as a corpse. Arrests are promised by the game warden.

Fraud in Sewing Machine Sale.

Lincoln, Ill., Jan. 5.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Frank Hoxey of Bloomington by H. G. Wilson. Hoxey is said to be a sewing machine agent of Bloomington. He is charged with selling a sewing machine at Atlanta and keeping the money. If apprehended he will be brought to Lincoln for trial.

CAUGHT AT QUINCY.

Bank Robbers Who Have Been Working Illinois Towns in Custody.

Quincy, Jan. 5.—On the exact spot where, three years ago, a bullet from the revolver of Chief of Police Ahern ended the career of Burglar Charles Prince, two bank robbers, one a noted crackman, were arrested by Detectives Koch and Bumster and Officer Schied.

One of the men was Edward Quinn, alias Edward Raymond, alias R. A. Vance, old in crime, shrewd and cautious and suave and affable, or fierce and dangerous, as the occasion might be.

The other, younger, but with determination and daring stamped upon his sharp cut features, gave the name of J. A. Hines, but it was merely a cloak for the identity that the police have not yet been able to disclose.

Both men were fresh from the scene of the \$5000 robbery of the Abingdon (Ill.) First National bank, which occurred shortly after midnight, but was not discovered until the watchman, who had been bound, succeeded in releasing himself and alarming the village at 5 o'clock in the morning.

FATHER AND SON BURNED

Can of Powder Explodes and Both are Seriously Injured.

Colfax, Ill., Jan. 5.—A shocking accident occurred here at the home of J. T. Arnold, the banker. He and his son, Homer, a lad of 12 years, were engaged in loading shells for a shot gun, preliminary to a hunting trip they had planned for next week. A can of powder stood near them. In some unexplained manner the powder exploded. Both father and son were seriously burned about the face and the son's eyes were burned so badly that there is grave danger of losing the sight of both.

The explosion damaged the house considerably and also set fire to the room where it occurred. The fire department extinguished the flames with a loss of perhaps \$100.

STATE DAIRYMEN

The Annual Session at Champaign This Morning.

Champaign, Jan. 5.—The twenty-ninth annual convention of the Illinois State Dairymen's association will be held in Champaign commencing Tuesday and lasting until Thursday. On account of the convention being held at the state agricultural college, where an immense amount of interest is expected to be one of the most important held in many years. The judging of stock will be held in the fine arena provided for the state college, and some of the finest stock that has yet been produced on Illinois soil will be sent there during the convention. It forms the college herd. The different classes of dairy-bred stock will be shown and the college professors will explain how the best features have been bred and developed.

To Escape Taxation.

Elgin, Jan. 5.—All Elgin is stirred by the announcement that Alfred B. Church, stepson of the late Gail Borden, and himself one of the wealthiest men of the city, will leave Elgin because of what he believes to be an exorbitant assessment on his property. Some time between now and March 1 he will move East, probably to New Jersey.

POULTRY SHOW OPENS

State Association Exhibition Will Include Twelve Hundred Fowls.

Springfield, Jan. —Feathered aristocrats from all over the middle west arrived in Springfield today for exhibition in the ninth annual show of the Illinois State Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, which opened this morning in Arion hall. In addition to 1200 land and water fowls 200 Belgian hares will compete for premiums.

A novel feature of the show will be an auction sale of prize winning animals. This is the first sale of the sort ever attempted, and the experiment promises an unexpected success. A number of the leading breeders and fanciers from various parts of the country are expected to come solely for the purpose of bidding upon some of the most desirable birds to be disposed of.

The sale of Plymouth Rock chickens will be held Thursday afternoon, and all other varieties of fowls and Belgian hares will be sold Friday afternoon. On Wednesday afternoon the association will hold a business meeting and elect officers for the ensuing year.

Locates at Pana.

The Wagon Skein and Nut Lock Co. was organized at Blue Mound, January 1, and will locate at Pana, that city having tendered the company the use of the old B. & O. shops, giving it free water for a period of years, and donated \$2000 to repair the shops. The new company has a capital of \$50,000 and will manufacture a new patent lock and other hardware. They will also install a foundry and machine shop.—Palladium.

THE CONTEST.

W. W. Connard is Permitted to File a Sample Ballot.

Monday Judge Smith entered an order in the shrievalty contest giving W. W. Connard the right to file a sample ballot in order that the make up of the official ticket might be shown. A formal order was also entered instructing Clerk J. M. Dodd to preserve the official ballots.

Heads Should Never Ache.

Never endure this trouble. Use at once the remedy that stopped it for Mrs. N. A. Webster of Winnie, Va. She writes: "Dr. King's New Life Pills wholly cured me of sick headache. I had suffered from for two years. Cure headache, constipation, biliousness, etc at the drug stores of John E. King, McNier & Horrell and N. L. Krons."

MAY, BUILD A COLLEGE

Brown Company Considering Matter of Erecting a New Building—College Reopened Monday.

BIG LIST OF NEW STUDENTS.

Brown's Business college opened on Monday morning after a ten days' vacation since the starting of the school. All the students of the previous semester returned, with the exceptions of two and there were thirty-two new students enrolled. While a number of them are from this city all the surrounding towns for several miles are well represented. The majority of the students are boys, while in former years the girls have had the best of it. There are now 100 students in the bookkeeping department and 79 in the short hand department, and forty students in the night school. A class in business exercise was opened. There will be about ten students to start, but the number will gradually increase during the year until the summer season when the class will be tripled.

May Build.

There is talk among the company of erecting a new school building, since the enrollment has increased so much in the last few years. The school at present is too small to accommodate the large number of students. The company has considered several sites. The idea would be to build a school that would last for all time. Nothing could be learned about the amount of money which the company might spend in connection with the erection of the building. Decatur school stands at the head of the Brown's business colleges in number of students sent out.

New Students.

The following is a list of the students who enrolled in the college on Monday morning:

Eada McCarty, Cisco; George White, Monticello; Samuel Albin, Kathrine Carroll, Lizzie O'Mara, Loran Campbell, Palmer Harry, Max Krouse, Jones Wetzel, Blanch McKinney, Thomas Ranan, Veronica Heger, Sam Whortman, Herbert C. Dieckhoff, Frank F. Leavenworth, Vivian Simpson, Roscoe Redman, Flora Robinson, De-

EGNOR FOR MAYOR.

Socialist First in the Field With a Municipal Ticket.

There was a meeting of the Socialist party on Sunday when a municipal ticket to be voted on at the spring election was named. The candidates are as follows:

Mayor—G. N. Egnor.

City Clerk—J. W. Easley.

Attorney—M. R. Warren.

Treasurer—L. P. Dayton.

Thursday night the members of the party will hold ward meetings and put up candidates for aldermen. The socialist party is something new in city politics.

AMUSEMENTS.

Sign of the Cross.

One of the best attractions of the season will be the Sign of the Cross at the opera house Wednesday evening. It will be presented by the original company. The play is on the religious order and the story is an exceptionally strong one.

Thoroughbred Tramp.

Saturday evening the attraction will be the "Thoroughbred Tramp." It is a good strong play of the kind and will please the general public.

Fear He Will Die.

James W. Reavis, living in the 1000 block on North Main street, is at the point of death. Mr. Reavis is 60 years old and has been suffering for some time with a complication of diseases from which the doctors think he will never recover.

New Century Comfort.

Millions are daily finding a world of comfort in Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It kills pain from burns, scalds, cuts, bruises; conquers ulcers and fever sores; cures eruptions, salt rheum, boils and felons; removes corns and warts. Best pile cure on earth. Only 25c at the drug stores of John E. King, McNier & Horrell and N. L. Krons.

The Street Markets.

The offer of 38 cents for corn has not brought any to the market in the last few days and 40 cents will likely be offered today. For several days after a rain there is always a dull time on the market. Then there has to be a raise in the price of grain before the farms will bring their stock in. Oats have ceased to be a commodity on the market. The price offered at the mills is much more than the average man wishes to pay for oats to feed. Timothy hay is selling at \$12 and straw bring \$5 and \$6 per ton. There has been a large quantity of baled goods on the market in the last two weeks and in most instances it has had preference over the loose goods.

Work Resumed on Hospital.

Work was resumed yesterday on the Wabash hospital building. The second floor joints have been set in the west wing and the east part is almost up to the same point. The stone masons' quarters have been enclosed and they are now independent of the weather. The ambulance, the walls of which had just been started before the onset of the cold weather will probably be moved to a point east of its present location.

Will Probated.

The will of Catherine App has been admitted to probate. Mollie Hurst and Mettie Abrams are executors and are authorized to convert the estate into cash and divided it equally among the children including the executors and Jennie Kester, W. H. App and Gladys App. Those children who have already received advances in cash are to be charged with those sums.

Cecil McCollom returned to Michigan university on Sunday night.

A friend of the Home—
A foe of the Trust

Calumet Baking Powder

Moderate in price—Makes purest food.